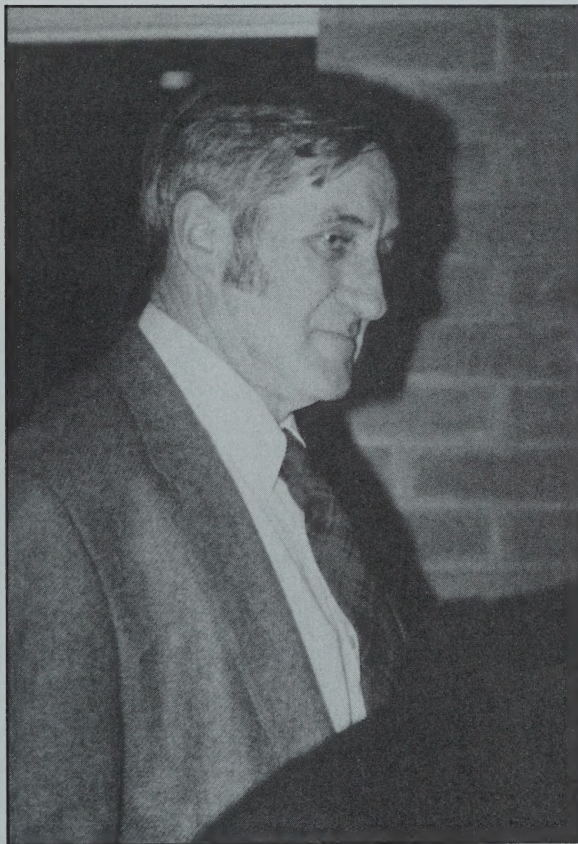


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ANNUAL REPORT WESTMORELAND NEW HAMPSHIRE



TOWN OFFICERS

for the Year Ending December 31, 1999

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

for the Year Ending June 30, 1999

The 2000 Annual Town Report
Is Dedicated to
Robert Moore, Jr.

Bob Moore is stepping down as Selectman after his many years of dedicated service to the Town of Westmoreland. Researching through Town Reports to find how Bob has been involved in our town is like taking a journey through a span of history. His name first appears in Birth Records on August 21, 1930, which happened to be Old Home Day – a fact that Bob is rightfully proud of. He has been at many an Old Home Day celebration as a participant in the parades with his oxen.

Charter member of the Fire Department	1953
School Board	1957 - 1969 and 1980 - 1986
Selectman	1964 - 1979 and 1982 – present
Overseer of Welfare	1971 - 1979 and 1983 - 1998
Representative to General Court	1976 – 1983
Deputy Fire Warden	
Budget Committee	

Bob's knowledge of our community, the physical aspects as well as the inner workings is certainly vast and will be greatly missed. But we keep telling him that we know where he lives!



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OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

WESTMORELAND, NH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1999

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TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
THE POLLS WILL OPEN FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of WESTMORELAND in the County of CHESHIRE in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Westmoreland on Tuesday, the Fourteenth day of March, in the year two thousand, at 11 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Following the counting of ballots, the meeting will recess until 7:00 P.M. March 15, 2000 at the **school gymnasium**. The balance of the Articles will be acted on at that time.

Article 2. To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative hereto.

Article 3. To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the Jotham Lord Fund.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to do necessary repairs of the Westmoreland Highway Garage. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article 5. *A special article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand one hundred dollars (\$8,100) to purchase a defibrillator/Lifepak 12 & associated equipment for the Fire/Rescue Dept. (The Selectmen and the Budget Comm. do not recommend this appropriation)

Article 6. A special article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be placed in the existing Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article 7. A special article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article 8. A special article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$533,742.00 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Article 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 17th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand.

*By Petition	Robert W. Moore, Jr.	Board of Selectmen Linn J. Starkey, Jr.	G. Russell Austin
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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Robert W. Moore, Jr.

Linn Starkey, Jr.

G. Russell Austin

MODERATOR

Peter Heed

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Cindi H. Adler

SECRETARY

JoAnn LaBarre

DEPUTY TREASURER

JoAnn LaBarre

CUSTODIAN

Richard Mittelhauser

AUDITORS

Ralph Werninger

Lloyd Draper

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Marcia Starkey

Barbara Messer

Dorothy Thompson

CONSTABLE

John Zeller

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Frances Laurent

*Suzanne Draper

Patrick Baker

LIBRARIAN

Mary Crowther

TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY

Virginia Daschbach

Terry Cox

*Teresa Starkey

Susan West

ROAD AGENT

Wesley Staples- Retired

Bruce Russell

FIRE CHIEF

Harry Nelson

BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE

Susan M. Castor

Stanley D. Castor, Jr.

WELFARE OFFICER

JoAnn LaBarre

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Donald Hall Carlson Barrett JoAnn LaBarre

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Patricia Bentrup, Chm. Robert Harcke Frances Laurent Robert Moore, Jr. Michael Acerno, Jr.

PLANNING BOARD

Reginald Simino, Chm. Thomas Hanna Lauren Bressett Linwood Burt
James Ashworth Jeff Ingram Linn Starkey, Jr. JoAnn LaBarre, Secretary

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Peter Remy, Chm. Brenda Shelley Barry Shonbeck John Burt
Brian Merry April Ferguson, Alt. Helen Draper, Clerk

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Linn Starkey, Jr.

HEALTH OFFICER

William Huntley

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Wesley Staples

WANTASTIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE

Janice Kos Stuart West

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marshall Patmos, Chm. Jean Rudolph John Lukin Walter Derjue
Frances Laurent *Brian Lewis George Duke

RECREATION COMMISSION

Susan Harris David Bressett Mark Ferenc Thomas Ainsworth

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

William Howland, Pres. Craig Brown, VP Barbara Jenkins, Sect. Frances Laurent, Treas.

JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Steven Houle *Charles Staples Christy Clark Elaine Wheeler

*Resigned

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

This report for 1999, the last year of the Century is being written in the new Century. The past year brought about some changes in personnel. After many years as Road Agent, Wesley Staples retired as of April 1, 1999. In March a retirement party was held for Wes at the Town Hall. Many people came to wish Wes the best of luck.

Bruce Russell was hired as Road Agent and started in May. Bruce has a lot of experience with roadwork and equipment and is doing a great job. In July, Gary Hudson was hired to work full time for the highway department. Both are Westmoreland residents and we look forward to their being with us for many years.

Extensive rain caused a great deal of damage to the roads in September. We were able to get FEMA funds for much of the repair. We continue to update and comply with OSHA requirements at the Town Garage.

Ed Messer was appointed as the Forest Fire Warden. Burn permits can be obtained from Ed as well as Linn Starkey and Harry Nelson.

In the spring you will be seeing new signs "Welcome to Westmoreland" on Route 12 and Route 63. The Lions Club is erecting them. We thank them for their interest and support in the town.

The Town appropriated money for Old Home Day in 1999 helping to make Old Home Day a most enjoyable time for all.

We continue to use your tax dollars as wisely as possible and not have a great increase in the town taxes.

The Boards and Committees continue to work to make Westmoreland a great Town and we thank all of them for their time and volunteer work.

On the opposite page are excerpts from the 1899 Town Report. It is interesting to see how far we have come in 100 years, but more interesting to wonder is what the future will be. Be sure to check your Town Report for 2099!



In a year where we saw a new millennium begin, we thought it might be of interest to see what the Town of Westmoreland was doing at the close of the year 1899.

INVENTORY

228 polls	\$22,800
Real estate	341,065
387 horses	17,835
16 oxen	895
968 cows	26,735
217 neat stock	4,438
707 sheep	1,928
8 hogs	94
2 carriages	130
Stock in public funds	1,500
Stock in banks	5,907
Money at interest	23,295
Stock in trade	5,025
Ferries	450
Mills & machinery	2,400
Total valuation	\$454,497

ASSESSMENTS

State tax	\$1,130.50
County tax	1,087.63
Schools	1,330.00
Special school tax	100.00
Highways	1,136.24
Library	79.80
Town charges	1,000.00
Breaking roads	200.00
Turning brook	100.00
Repairing schoolhouses	120.00
Overlay	78.79
Total	\$6,362.96

Rate per cent. of tax, \$0.14

There were three road agents each earning an average of \$125, the constable earned \$7, the janitor, \$8 and the librarian, \$25. The driver of the hearse received \$21, making him one of the highest paid town employees. Residents were paid \$39 board for keeping tramps and \$12 was expended for use of water.

A list of tools belonging to the town consisted of : 9 drills, 1 stone hammer, 1 striking hammer, 2 ox shovels, 4 lanterns, 1 kerosene can, 2 drill spoons, 1 long neck yoke, 2 road machines, and 1 plow.

There were eight schools with a total of 140 students and terms consisted of 30 weeks. The smallest school had 9 students and the largest 35. Money for the support of schools from all sources was \$2,004.42. The average cost of teachers per week, including doing minor repairs and building fires was \$7.83. Residents who boarded the teachers were paid \$2.50 per week. The cost per pupil was \$12.63.

The Selectmen were: F.A. Knight, Carroll F. Capron and George S. Aldrich
The Town Treasurer was James W. Lord and the School District Treasurer was Willard Bill, Jr.

TOWN MEETING MINUTES MARCH 9 & 10, 1999

The annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Peter Heed on Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at 11:00 AM with the reading of Articles One and Two of the Town Warrant and Article One of the School Warrant and declaring the polls open. The remaining Articles are to be considered on Wednesday, March 10, 1999 for the Town Warrant and Friday, March 12, 1999 for the School Warrant each at 7:00 PM after a recess. Poles were declared closed at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 9, 1999. Moderator, Peter Heed, called meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 10, 1999 with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem.

Article One – To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. The results of balloting were as follows: Total ballots cast were 207 of the registered 923 voters = 22%.

For three years	Selectman G. Russell Austin	189
For one year	Treasurer JoAnn LaBarre	14
For one year	Town Clerk – Tax Collector Cindi H. Adler	200
For one year	Briggs Fund Committee Stanley D. Castor, Jr.	186
For one year	Susan M. Castor	187
For three years	Budget Committee Frances E. Laurent	174
For three years	Trustee of the Library Virginia Daschbach	185
For two years	Auditor Evelyn Hunter	3
For three years	Trustee of Trust Funds Elizabeth McKenney	2
For one year	Overseer of Public Welfare JoAnn LaBarre	195
For three years	Cemetery Trustee Donald E. Hall	191

The above were declared elected by Moderator, Peter Heed.

Article Two – To see if the voters will approve the Zoning changes as proposed by the Planning Board.
(Copies on file with the Town Clerk)

- Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

SECTION 206 Non-Conforming Uses Replacement of Sub-section 1

Any non-conforming use of structures or land except those specified below, may be continued indefinitely, but: Shall not be enlarged, altered, extended, reconstructed, or restored except by Special

Exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment using the criteria established herein for the consideration of Special Exceptions, and provided further that such enlargement, alteration, extension, reconstruction or restoration shall not increase the non-conforming use of size of the structure by more than twenty (20) percent from the original building(s) foundation, and provided further with respect to setbacks, the enlargement, alteration, extension, reconstruction or restoration shall not encroach any further than the existing building into the setback area. YES 136 NO 57

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

SECTION 301.7 Transferable

Variances of Special Exception for non-residential uses are transferable to the subsequent owner provided that the new owner certifies that there is no change in the previously permitted land use on a town form furnished by the Zoning Administrator. YES 169 NO 30

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

SECTION 404 Front Yard Setback

Notwithstanding provisions for front yards elsewhere in this Ordinance, the front yard setback will be measured from the edge of the street right-of-way. YES 159 NO 36

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

SECTION 433 Signs

One (1) temporary sign, not exceeding six (6) square feet. YES 144 NO 40

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No.5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance to amend Item #10 of 'Uses Allowed by Special Exception' in Commercial/Industrial Zoning District to read as follows:

TABLE 502 Any business concerned primarily with the sale of new &/or used produce, products, goods and equipment. YES 132 NO 45

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance to reduce the 75' setback as follows:

TABLES 503, 504, 505, 506

Minimum Yard Setback in Feet: Front Yard: 50' YES 126 NO 64

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

SECTION 2:04 All building permits shall expire one (1) year from date of issue. Extension may be granted upon application for one (1) additional year. YES 158 NO 36

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance which replaces Section 452 entitled "Flood Plain Areas," in its entirety as follows:

SECTION 452 Special Flood Hazard, Flood-Prone and Wetland Area Regulations

Purpose and Intent -

1. To maintain the quality of surface water and groundwater of Westmoreland by preserving the ability of wetland to filter pollution, trap sediment and retain and absorb chemicals and nutrients.
2. To protect the areas which provide the natural flood storage and protection, recharge of groundwater supply and the augmentation of stream flow during dry periods.
3. To provide wildlife habitat and feeding areas thereby supporting the food chain.
4. To protect unique and unusual natural areas.
5. To prevent the expenditure of municipal funds for the purpose of providing and maintaining essential services, utilities and repairs which might be required as the result of the misuse or abuse of these unique areas.

Definitions -

1. Special Flood Hazard Area: Land in the flood-prone area subject to a one-percent or greater possibility of flooding in any given year. The area is designated as Zone A on the Flood Hazard

Boundary Map (FHBM) and is designated on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and available in the Westmoreland town office.

2. Flood-prone Area: Any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source. This includes a general or temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from: a. the overflow of inland waters b. the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.

The areas identified by historical reference and the Soil Survey of Cheshire County available in the town office.

3. Wetland Area: Areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. For purposes of this ordinance, wetlands include swamps, marshes, bogs, ponds and streams as well as soils subject to a seasonal high water table and those defined as poorly or very poorly drained by the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the most recent Soil Survey of Cheshire County approved by the National Cooperative Soil Survey available in the town office.

General Provisions –

1. Boundary Appeals: In the case of a question of the boundaries of the special flood hazard, flood-prone or wetland areas that cannot be satisfied by the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, town officials or the applicant, questions of applicability will be determined by a high-intensity soils survey prepared by a qualified NH licensed soil scientist at the applicants expense. In the case of an abutter petition for review, the cost will be borne by the petitioner.
2. Other Zoning Districts: In all cases where the designated special flood hazard, flood-prone and wetland areas are superimposed over zoning districts in the town of Westmoreland, the regulations that are most restrictive shall apply.

SECTION 452.1 Special Flood Hazard Areas-Insert ordinance as adopted at the 3/11/97 town meeting.

SECTION 452.2 Flood-Prone Areas

Permitted Uses –

1. Directly in and within 50 feet of the outer limits of the flood-prone areas – Structures and uses are limited to those related to agriculture, forestry and recreation.
2. Within 50 feet and 100 feet of the outer limits of the flood-prone areas – Any structure, building, water or sewer facility to be erected that are not related to the uses referred to in 452.2 1. must:
 - a. have approval of the Planning Board of the site development plan which shall show
 1. existing contours at 1' intervals
 2. proposed elevations of the lowest floor of all buildings, structures and facilities
 3. soils map based on the Soils Survey of Cheshire County or a high intensity soil survey prepared by a qualified NH licensed soil scientist
 4. Total area of all structures covering no more than 10% of the lot area
 - b. have written approval from the NH Department of Environmental Services for any water and sewer facilities
 - c. have written approval and permits from any other local, state or federal agency as needed

Prohibited Uses –

1. Directly in and within 50 feet of the outer limits of the flood-prone areas – All buildings intended for human occupancy are prohibited.
2. Within 100 feet of the outer limits of the flood-prone areas – All dumps, junkyards, excavation sites, and storage of hazardous materials as defined by the NH Department of Environmental Services are prohibited.

SECTION 452.3 Wetland Areas

Permitted Uses –

1. Activities such as forestry, tree farming, wildlife habitat improvement and refuges, parks and recreational uses, conservation areas and nature trails.

2. Water impoundments, wells, dry hydrants, and ponds approved by the NHDES.

Provisions –

1. No structures, buildings or water and sewer facilities shall be erected or located in or within 75 feet of the defined edge of a wetland area.

2. No septic tank or leach field may be located within 100 feet of a wetland.

3. No impact to wetlands is to be allowed or even considered for approval until the applicant has submitted a site plan of the proposed project with sufficient detail so that it leaves no doubt as to the precise location of the project and its likely impact.

YES 149 NO 39

9. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No.9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

SECTION 422 Open Storage in Residential Districts

In any residential district, no more than one (1) unlicensed motor vehicles may be parked on a lot.

YES 157 NO 35

Article Three – To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative hereto. Motion to move article by Linn Starkey, Jr. Seconded by Lloyd Draper. Article Three voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article Four - To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the Jotham Lord Fund. Terry Cox moved to give the funds of the Jotham Lord Fund to the Town Library, which was seconded by Lloyd Draper.. Article Four voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article Five –To see if the Town will vote as follows: Polling hours in the town of Westmoreland are not 8:00AM to 7:00PM. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 11:00AM and close at 7:00PM for all regular state elections beginning in the year 2002? Motion to move article by Richard Chase, which was seconded by Linn Starkey, Jr. Lloyd Draper spoke to the article stating that we have to approve this to place the question on a state ballot next year. Thomas Hanna asked how many would be effected by this change due to work, etc. Marcia Starkey stated that no one has really kept track but there weren't very many voting in that time span. Marshall Gordon asked that if the elections would include both state and federal elections. Lloyd stated that it would include both. Donald Hall stated that we didn't have to make a decision tonight – that this is required to place the question on the state ballot next year. Frances Laurent stated that the option of Absentee Ballot is always available for those who cannot make the polling hours for whatever reason. Article voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article Six -*(By Petition) A special article to see if the Town will vote to designate Paine Road a Scenic Road, and to designate the Planning Board of the town to administer said designation, in accordance with Statutes RSA 231:157 and 231:158 of the State of New Hampshire. Motion to move by William Hunter. Second by Lawrence McFarland. Lawrence Siegel spoke to the article stating that approval of this article makes provision for a hearing process in event that any major changes are contemplated in maintaining Paine Road. It would require the Planning Board to notify landowners and abutters of changes. Essentially, it as a request to be informed and be able to voice opinion at a public meeting. This town has a rural character and those on Paine Road just wish to see that it is maintained in at least their part of town. Lois Jordan questioned as to if the statute is a state or local statute. Moderator, Peter Heed stated that it is a State Statute. Lawrence Siegel read the statutes aloud in summary. RSA 231:157 he stated was basically for the hearings, and RSA 231:158 was to prevent cutting of trees 15" or more in circumference and 4' high from the ground, tree removal, stone wall removal, reconstruction and change in utility poles except by approval by Planning Board. The landowners and abutters will be notified by Planning Board of a hearing. The article approval shall not effect maintenance by municipality. Reginald Simino stated that his understanding of the paving of Paine Road was to make the road more favorable for

the bus route (which now is on the major bus route) and emergency vehicles. The mud we are and will be experiencing soon and for a while is a real problem for the busses. Wesley Staples, Road Agent, stated that this puts all on the Planning Board. He stated that other town road agents cuss and damn the Scenic Roads, as they are a big nuisance for them. All is held up in meetings and makes maintenance extremely difficult to maintain the roads. He stated that Paine Road is part of the TRA back in 1950, which states that the Town maintains fifty feet or twenty-five feet from center. The road has been a mud problem for a long time – it is now a main bus route – it's not going to get any better until it is reconstructed. He is hoping that the part that did get done with the fabric underlay will help hold. He stated that he and the town have always tried to work with the landowners and abutters. Paine Road will never be used as a shortcut. This article will just put more work on the Planning Board. William Hunter stated with all due respect for Wes and his great job in maintaining he is in favor of the article – of only to see the big red maples; and the stone walls along the road – he will put up with the mud and muck. Every year it gets patched and they all get by for another year. Thomas Hanna stated that he doesn't see a real problem for the Planning Board. It's fair to say that they have a fairly light load (he's been on the Board since 1988) and that these problems will be able to be dealt with more quickly than most of their agenda. Lawrence Siegel stated that his hat goes off to Wesley for the great job he has done and to Reg, stated that this is not a debate – it's just the right of the locals to be heard – if the fabrication of the road works, they will be willing to work with it – they just want some say in the changes – just as most of us wouldn't want a Walmart to go in Ferguson's field. John Lukin says he's lived on the road for ten years and he knows mud. He stated that we have to look at the entire picture – not a one at a time. The legislation is there to help. There have been road agents that have just come in and cut 300 year old trees just to clear for the sun so as to dry the road more quickly. This will just protect us from such things. James Starkey asked how much of a financial burden this would put on those wishing to buy land and build on this road if this article passes. What is the time frame that and impact caused upon the potential buyer for all of the approvals. Thomas Hanna stated that there would be no impact-individual land owners still have their own rights-a culvert along the roadway may be the only action that may trigger a hearing. James Starkey then stated that his understanding then is that a homeowner could take all the trees down he wanted and wouldn't be bound to this statute. Is Paine Road a right-of-way? Wesley stated that all our roads are right-of-ways, therefore okay by landowner (Town) – did not pertain to individual rights of landowners. He had extended the courtesy to those on Pain Road. He went and discussed things with the Zellers-not all Road Agents will. Charles Staples stated that his understanding that trees and stonewalls are all that will be effected-it will just make it harder for the power company and telephone company to do their jobs. George Duke stated that this article gives designation-it gives a minute of time out to go to the Planning Board – the statutes are so riddled with exception that it just gives discussion time to landowners. Voted in the affirmative by standing vote. YES 98 NO 45

Article Seven - To see if the Town shall accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from state, federal or other governmental unit of a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year. Motion moved by Ralph Werninger and seconded by Marcia Werninger. Virginia Daschbach stated that the library is a public building, so this article needs to be approved in the event they are to receive any moneys. There has been a private donor wishing to contribute, a piece of land offered, and services donated but need this article passed in order to set up proposal. Voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article Eight – A special article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for the purpose of fireworks at the 1999 Centennial Year Celebration of Westmoreland Old Home Days. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation). Motion moved by Carlson Barrett and seconded by Marcia Werninger. Carlson Barrett spoke to the article stating that Westmoreland is one of the few towns left to celebrate Old Home Days and were one of the first. We started in 1899 with our first where most towns declared and

started theirs in 1900. This is our 100-year celebration. The Old Home Days Association is trying to expand for the centennial. The Association has had requests for fireworks this year. Atlas in Peterborough will put on a 30-minute presentation for \$7,500. They are completely insured and take care of every aspect of the presentation. The Association had talks about trying to raise the funds and had talked to other organizations but were running out of time and coming up short without taking away from the rest of the activities planned. The Selectmen helped to get this article onto the warrant so as to get word out and get opinion and response. Robert Moore, Jr. stated that he has a problem with seeing \$7,500 of tax money to go up in 30 minutes flat. He made motion to amend to give the OHDA \$2,500 and not have fireworks. Michael Acerno seconded the amendment. Paul Nightingale asked if the article stated that this money had to be specifically for fireworks. Carlson Barrett stated that they would give us nothing for \$2,500- it would cost \$3,500 for a fifteen-minute presentation. He stated that Robert Moore, Jr. could add his \$2,500 into Patriotic Purposes in Article 12. Robert Moore, Jr. withdrew his amendment and Michael Acerno withdrew his second. Article eight voted down by voice vote.

Article Nine - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to repair and/or replace the roof and windows of the Westmoreland Public Library. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation). Motion moved by John Zeller and seconded by Marcia Werninger. No discussion. Voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article Ten - A special article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the existing Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation). Motion moved by Helen Draper and seconded by Graham Gitchell. Timothy Thompson asked the balance of the fund at present. Jack Zeller stated that he believed it was \$5,000-last year was the first year of placing funds aside. Frances Laurent stated that it was only \$2,500 in the fund at present. Lawrence Siegel asked the expectations of this Fund. Jack stated that he'd be turning 50 in January, so by the time he is 71- he'll have a cruiser to drive. Article Ten voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article Eleven - A special article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars to be placed in the existing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation) Motion made by Robert Moore, Jr. and seconded by Graham Gitchell. Lawrence Siegel asked the expectation of this fund. Robert Moore, Jr. stated that we put \$6,000 in this year-less burden on the Town when we need to buy a new piece of equipment. Wesley Staples stated that the next item would probably be a loader in the range of \$100,000. \$6,000 is just a drop in the bucket-we should be putting \$25,000 away each year. Article Eleven voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

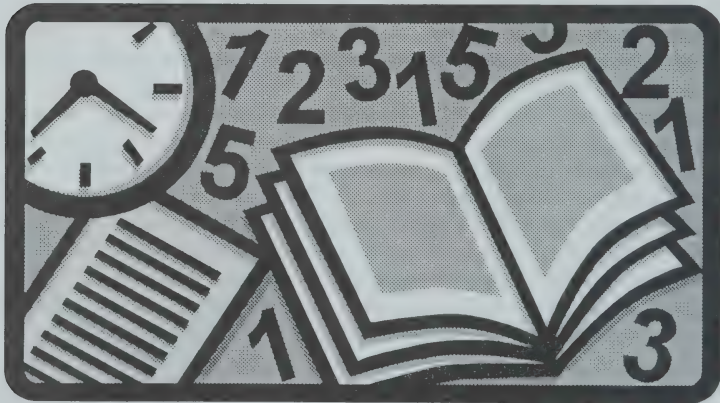
Article Twelve - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$496,990.00, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed. Motion moved by Lloyd Draper and seconded by Michael Acerno. Robert Moore, Jr. motioned to amend to read \$499,490 with \$2,500 to be added to Patriotic Purposes for the Old Home Days Association. Amended article seconded by Ralph Werninger. Timothy DeFreitas asked what the association had for expected expenditures. Carlson Barrett stated that the treasurer, Earl Spaulding was not present, but they had invited bands (which they must pay), appearances in advertising, use of different places, etc. By the time all is said and done, probably about \$2,000-some of which will be returned in booth sales. Voice vote to the affirmative for the amendment. Jeffrey Nugent stated that he was relatively new as resident in Westmoreland and questioned what it was the residents get for their \$8,500 in the police protection coverage. His wife had called 911 and waited 4 hours for a response from a trooper. Jack Zeller stated that he was sorry for the extremely slow response from a 911 call. 911 tries to call him first but he's not always available. The \$8,500 pays for gas, insurance, domestic violence, burglary investigations, etc. He stated that he does have a full time job, goes to Keene, does take vacations - he does have a life. David Putnam asked how many calls were answered by Jack or a trooper. Peter Heed stated that 911 calls go through Concord - we all know there are some problems there, but we can't solve their problems. Michael Reed questioned the way the Capital Reserve Fund was handled in the report. Fran Laurent and

Robert Moore, Jr. explained how the transfers and surplus are handled to arrive at the figures in the report. The Amended Article Twelve was voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article Thirteen – To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Reginald Simino serves on the Planning Board. He stated that Wesley Staples is retiring. He started in 1982 on the Master Planning end. He wished him well and asked for a round of applause. He was granted a standing round of applause. Linn Starkey asked to have the floor. Peter Heed said he was not sure if he could have it since he had eaten his pie the day before at the elections. Linn Starkey stated that Lloyd Draper is retiring after serving three years on the Board of Selectmen. He stated that Lloyd served the Board well except for taking off for the Army-Navy games. He received a standing round of applause. Lloyd Draper then stated that Wesley Staples was retiring as Road Agent after 25 years of service. The town is throwing Wesley a retirement party on Sunday, March 21st from 2-4PM at the Town Hall and all were welcome to wish Wes well on his retirement. He then stated that Kathryn DeFreitas has been Treasurer for the Town from July of 1993. She had a way of borrowing money advantageously-one of the best he's met along these lines. But due to personal obligations and health reasons, she was leaving as Treasurer. She received a round of applause although she was not present to accept it. Timothy DeFreitas stated that her leaving had nothing to do with medical reasons. Stephen Robbins asked if he could amend Article Six to read Paine and Poocham Roads. He was told by the Moderator that he would have to ask for an article at the next Town Meeting. Richard Chase made motion to adjourn at 8:30PM. Seconded by Teresa Starkey. Voice vote in the affirmative.

Unapproved minutes.

Cindi H. Adler
Town Clerk



REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Inventory of Valuation

Current Use Land	\$2,237,766
Residential Land	\$27,900,400
Commercial Land	\$2,688,500
Mixed Use	\$1,487,400
Residential Buildings	\$59,945,300
Manufactured Housing	\$287,000
Commercial Buildings	\$2,523,200
Public Utilities-Electric	<u>\$1,217,862</u>
TAXABLE VALUE PRIOR TO EXEMPTIONS	\$98,287,428
Exemptions to Value	<u>207,000</u>
NET VALUATION FOR COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE	\$98,080,428

Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall - Land & Buildings	\$271,700
Town Hall - Furniture & Equipment	\$15,000
Library - Land & Buildings	\$81,900
Library - Furniture & Equipment	\$10,000
Police Department – Equipment	\$2,500
Fire Department - Land & Buildings	\$94,600
Fire Department – Equipment	\$100,000
Highway Department - Land & Buildings	\$51,500
Highway Department – Equipment	\$120,000
Highway Department - Material & Supplies	\$5,000
Parks, Common & Playgrounds	\$100,500
School - Land & Buildings	\$787,300
School – Equipment	\$65,000
Historical Building & Contents	\$70,000
Transfer Station - Land & Buildings	\$54,500
Misc. Land (8 properties)	<u>\$211,200</u>
TOTAL	\$2,040,700

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

	Actual Appropriation 1999	Actual Expenditures 1999	Selectmen's Budget 2000	Budget Committee Recommended 2000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130 Executive	32,600	31,789	35,870	35,870
4140 Elec., Reg., & Vital Stats.	7,850	9,403	11,185	11,185
4150 Financial Administration	13,250	12,835	13,905	13,905
4153 Legal Expenses	4,000	394	2,000	2,000
4155 Worker's Compensation	630	628	3,577	3,577
4191 Planning & Zoning	1,450	1,373	1,400	1,400
4194 General Government Bldg.	19,380	16,251	19,130	19,130
4195 Cemeteries	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
4196 Insurance-Contingency Fund	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
4199 State Ed Tax - Admin Costs	0	5,502	0	0
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210 Police	8,500	7,634	8,500	8,500
4215 Ambulance	8,000	7,983	8,000	8,000
4220 Fire & Rescue	19,050	18,981	18,100	18,100
4240 Building Inspection	1,000	1,483	1,200	1,200
4290 Emergency Management	1,015	800	1,015	1,015
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311 Highway Administration	87,850	80,657	99,000	99,000
4312 Highways & Streets	140,860	140,882	160,200	160,200
4316 Street Lighting	2,600	2,471	2,600	2,600
4319 Road Improvements	20,000	16,612	20,000	20,000
4319 Fed Disaster Relief Repairs	0	9,287	0	0
SANITATION				
4324 Solid Waste & Recycling	49,905	50,702	50,010	50,010
HEALTH				
4411 Health Officer	55	54	55	55
4414 Animal Control	200	60	200	200
4415 Health Agencies/Hospitals	4,140	4,140	4,140	4,140
WELFARE				
4441 Welfare Officer	55	54	55	55
4442 Direct Assistance	3,000	1,093	3,000	3,000

		Actual Appropriation	Actual Expenditures	Selectmen's Budget	Budget Committee Recommended
CULTURE & RECREATION					
4520	Parks & Recreation	5,900	5,419	5,900	5,900
4550	Library	16,000	16,000	18,000	18,000
4583	Patriotic Purposes	2,700	2,626	200	200
CONSERVATION					
4611	Conservation Commission	1,000	720	1,000	1,000
DEBT SERVICE					
4711	Principal - Grader	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
4711	Principal - Fire Truck	11,000	10,793	11,000	11,000
4721	Interest on Long Term Loans	5,000	4,568	4,000	4,000
4723	Interest on TAN	10,000	5,207	8,000	8,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
**4902	Defibrillator \$8,100 (Article #5)				0
4903	*Repairs/Library	15,000	15,000	0	0
4903	*Highway Garage Repairs	0	0	5,000	5,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
4915	*Capital Res-Fire Truck	0	0	3,000	3,000
4915	*Capital Res-Highway Truck	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
4915	*Capital Res-Police Cruiser	2,500	2,500	2,000	2,000
Operating Budget					
		\$499,490	\$486,899	\$533,742	\$533,742
	*Special/Individual Articles	\$23,500	\$23,500	\$16,000	\$16,000
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	\$522,990	\$510,399	\$549,742	\$549,742
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue, Exclusive of Taxes					
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School & County Taxes)					
					\$411,856
					\$137,886

Budget Comm.: Patricia Bentrup, Chair, Robert Harkke, Robert Moore, Jr., Frances Laurent, Michael Acerno

**Petitioned Article

SOURCES OF REVENUE		Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues
		1999	1999	2000
<u>TAXES</u>				
3120	Land Use Change Tax	4,000	4,012	4,000
3180	Resident Taxes	8,600	9,530	8,600
3185	Yield Taxes	12,000	12,325	11,000
3187	Excavation Tax	1,000	1,985	1,500
3188	Excavation Activity Tax	1,000	930	1,000
3190	Interest & Penalties-Taxes	20,000	20,389	20,000
<u>LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES</u>				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	600	567	500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	185,000	203,901	200,600
3230	Building Permits	1,000	1562	1,200
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,800	3,660	3,265
3319	Federal Grants & Reimbursements	0	9,287	0
<u>FROM STATE</u>				
3351	Shared Revenue	9,686	17,804	17,000
3352	Rooms & Meals	31,850	31,850	30,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	56,132	56,132	59,702
3356	Forest Land Reimbursement	19	19,18	19
3359	Other	200	12,472	200
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>				
3401	Income from Departments	2,500	4,582	2,900
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	0	0	0
3502	Interest	12,500	15,607	13,500
3503	Rent of Property	4,400	4,480	4,400
3504	Forest Fire Reimb. - Individual	0	0	0
3506	Insurance Reimbursement	2,000	2,972	2,000
3509	Other	450	1,067	470
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>				
3439	Items Voted from Surplus	30,000	30,000	30,000
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS		\$385,737	\$445,134	\$411,856

FINANCIAL REPORT

Board of Selectmen
For the Year Ending December 31, 1999
Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash in Hand of Treasurer		\$422,952.81
Cash Investment		532,887.96
Capital Reserve Funds (RSA Chap 35)		49,113.65
Recreation Fund		1,624.83
Unredeemed Taxes:		
	Prior Taxes	5,478.57
	Levy of 1997	51,322.71
	Levy of 1998 (including all Taxes)	44,928.95
Uncollected Taxes:		
	Levy of 1999 (including all Taxes)	147,371.74
	Prior (including all Taxes)	640.00
Less Allowance for Abatements		(26,559.43)
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,229,761.79

Liabilities & Equities

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
	Accounts Payable (Dec. 1999)	\$11,439.06
	Recreation Fund	1,624.83
	School Tax Payable	950,767.00
Capital Reserve Funds:		49,113.65
	Highway Truck	13,555.88
	Revaluation	30,430.24
	Cruiser	5,127.53
Bills Outstanding:		10,387.41
	Ordinance Books	500.00
	Storm Damage	9,887.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITIES		\$1,023,331.95
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) December 1998		209,391.00
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) December 1999		(2,961.16)
TOTAL CURRENT SURPLUS		\$206,429.84
GRAND TOTAL		\$1,229,761.79

APPROPRIATIONS, TAXES ASSESSED & TAX RATE

Executive	\$32,600.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	7,850.00
Financial Administration	13,250.00
Legal Expense	4,000.00
Worker's Compensation	630.00
Planning & Zoning	1,450.00
General Government Building	19,380.00
Cemeteries	4,500.00
Contingency Fund	2,000.00
Police	8,500.00
Ambulance	8,000.00
Fire & Rescue	19,050.00
Building Inspector	1,000.00
Emergency Management	1,015.00
Highways & Streets	228,710.00
Street Lighting	2,600.00
Road Improvements	20,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	49,905.00
Animal Control	200.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals	4,140.00
Health Officer	55.00
Welfare - Direct Assistance	3,000.00
Welfare Officer	55.00
Parks & Recreation	5,900.00
Library	16,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	2,700.00
Conservation Commission	1,000.00
Debt. Service - Grader	16,000.00
Debt. Service - Fire Truck	11,000.00
Interest on TAN	10,000.00
Interest on Long Term Loans	5,000.00
Library Repair	15,000.00
Capital Reserve – Highway Equip.	6,000.00
Capital Reserve – Police Cruiser	2,500.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATION - TOWN	\$522,990.00
Less Revenues	385,737.00
NET TOWN APPROPRIATION	137,253.00
NET LOCAL EDUCATION TAX	923,724.00
NET STATE EDUCATION TAX	603,043.00
COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT	215,717.00
TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY	\$1,879,737.00
Less Shared Revenue	8,133.00
Add-War Service Credits	10,300.00
Add - Overlay	10,327.00
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$1,892,231.00
Less-War Service Credits	10,300.00
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$1,881,931.00

1999 Tax Rate:

School - Local	\$9.42
School - State	\$6.23
County	\$2.18
Town	\$1.54
	\$19.37

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1999

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive Office:

Secretary Salary	18,770.00
Selectmen Salaries	3,000.00
Moderator Salary	75.00
Trustees Trust Funds Salaries	100.00
Town Share Health Insurance	3,312.84
Town Share Retirement	788.39
Town Share FICA & Medicare	1,678.96
Printing	1,591.33
Dues	727.21
Notices	26.11
Equipment Agreements/Repairs	803.49
Supplies	164.91
Postage & PO Fees	459.35
Publications	107.97
Other	<u>183.75</u>

\$31,789.31

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk Salary	1,050.00
Town Clerk Fees	4,976.00
Supervisors of the Checklist Salaries	255.00
Ballot Clerk Salaries	300.00
Election Fees	200.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	476.34
Printing	294.90
Town Clerk Dues	40.00
Notices	101.17
Election Day Dinners	130.00
Licenses- Dog/Marriage	967.62
Vital Statistics	254.00
Town Clerk Publications	209.00
Town Clerk Workshops	44.00
Town Clerk Supplies	58.70
Postage	<u>46.20</u>

\$9,402.93

4150 Financial Administration:

Tax Collector Salary	2,625.00
Tax Collector Fees	2,223.00
Auditor Salaries	200.00
Treasurer Salary	3,150.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	627.12
Bank Charges	60.00
Printing	819.22
Dues	65.00
Tax Collector Supplies	86.73
Property Assessing	1,525.42
Registry of Deeds/Probate	310.56
Treasurer Supplies	123.95
Postage	993.50
Other	<u>25.00</u>

\$12,834.50

4153 Legal Expenses

\$393.75

4155 Worker's Compensation

\$627.65

4191 Planning & Zoning:		
Clerk Fees/ZBA	90.00	
Printing	500.00	
Notices	218.76	
Registry of Deeds/PB	54.32	
Supplies	280.50	
Postage	<u>229.43</u>	
		\$1,373.02
4194 General Government Buildings:		
Custodian Salary	3,300.00	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	252.48	
Telephone	667.60	
Mowing	692.50	
Electricity	881.96	
Heat	1,661.38	
Property Insurance	759.00	
Gas	66.38	
Liability Insurance	2,457.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	5,323.50	
Supplies	<u>173.64</u>	
		\$16,250.83
4195 Cemeteries		\$4,500.00
4199 Admin Costs-State Education Tax		\$5,501.66
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
4210 Police Department:		
Constable Salary	6,000.00	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	459.00	
E&O Insurance	779.00	
Operation – Gasoline	135.60	
Supplies	<u>260.68</u>	
		\$7,634.28
4215 Ambulance - Contracted Service		\$7,982.75
4220 Fire & Rescue Departments:		
Training	790.00	
Electricity	470.46	
Heat	837.22	
E&O Insurance	460.00	
Life Insurance	152.00	
Vehicle Insurance	1,710.00	
Dues	135.52	
Office Supplies	4.45	
Repairs/Equipment	14,155.47	
Vehicle Fuel	176.09	
Vehicle Inspection	<u>90.00</u>	
		\$18,981.21
4240 Building Inspection:		
Building Inspector Salary	1,377.63	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>105.39</u>	
		\$1,483.02
4290 Emergency Management:		
Forest Fire Control		\$800.21

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

4311 Highway Administration:

Road Agent Wages	31,713.91	
Full Time Wages	23,964.42	
Part Time Wages	8,891.37	
Town Share Health Insurance	8,830.75	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	4,939.76	
Town Share Retirement	<u>2,316.69</u>	
		\$80,656.90

4312 Highways & Streets:

Telephone	550.66	
Drug/Alcohol Testing	376.00	
Electricity	718.39	
Heating Fuel	1,011.24	
Hired Equipment	2,976.50	
Vehicle Insurance	1,710.00	
Cutting Edges	3,311.96	
Repairs & Parts	14,855.57	
Tires	1,777.18	
Culverts	336.00	
Sand & Gravel	19,593.40	
Paving- Asphalt	47,169.44	
Paving-Shimming	9,199.30	
Salt & Chloride	31,071.48	
Vehicle Fuel	5,577.72	
Vehicle Inspection & Registration	60.00	
Other	<u>496.61</u>	
		\$140,882.25

4316 Street Lighting

\$2,471.44

4319 Road Improvements

\$16,612.00

4319 Federal Disaster Relief Repairs

\$9,287.36

SANITATION

4324 Solid Waste Disposal:

Recycling Employee	3,302.00	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	252.60	
Telephone	463.11	
Hazardous Waste Day	294.00	
Disposal Service (less recycling credits)	42,000.00	
Hauling	3,400.00	
Electricity	310.56	
Other	<u>680.00</u>	
		\$50,702.27

HEALTH & WELFARE

4411 Health Administration:

Health Officer Salary	50.00	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>3.83</u>	
		\$53.83

4414 Animal Shelter

\$60.00

4415 Health Agencies/Hospitals:

Family Services	1,640.00	
Home Health Care	500.00	
Community Kitchen	<u>2,000.00</u>	
		\$4,140.00

4441 Welfare Administration:		
Welfare Officer Salary	50.00	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>3.83</u>	\$53.83
4442 Welfare Direct Assistance		\$1,092.75
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>		
4520 Park & Recreation:		
Mowing	5,018.75	
Other	<u>400.00</u>	\$5,418.75
4550 Library:		
Library Salaries	10,541.50	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	806.57	
Appropriation	<u>4,651.93</u>	\$16,000.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes-Flags		\$125.69
Old Home Day '99		\$2,500.00
<u>CONSERVATION</u>		
4611 Conservation:		
Commission Dues	150.00	
Maps	500.00	
Other	<u>70.00</u>	\$720.00
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>		
4711 Grader	16,000.00	
4711 Fire Truck	10,792.91	
4721 Interest on Long Term Loans	4,567.50	
4723 Short Term Interest on TAN	<u>5,206.84</u>	\$36,567.25
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>		
4903 Repairs/Library		\$15,000.00
<u>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</u>		
4915 Highway Equipment		\$6,000.00
4915 Police Cruiser		\$2,500.00
TOTAL TOWN OPERATING EXPENSES		\$510,399.43
98 Accounts Payable	5,846.78	
Abatements	1,402.00	
County Taxes	215,717.00	
Investment Transfer to NHPDIP	500,000.00	
Overpayments of Property Tax - '99	3,295.00	
Reserved Funds - Highway Tanks	908.33	
Reserved Funds - Town Hall Emergency Doors	1,800.00	
Reserved Funds - Library Ramp	6,500.00	
School District	1,753,743.00	
Short Term Principal (TAN)	475,000.00	
Taxes Bought By Town	62,025.51	
Transfer of Investment (Recreation Fund)	<u>1,568.69</u>	
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENSES		\$3,027,806.31
GRAND TOTAL PAYMENTS		\$3,538,205.74

TREASURER'S REPORT

TOTAL CASH ON HAND - January 1, 1999		\$1,056,507.24
On Deposit in NOW Account	58,583.61	
On Deposit in Investment Account	997,923.63	

Received from:

Cindi Adler, Collector	2,073,181.15
Federal Grants & Reimbursements	9,287.36
Treasurer, State of NH	118,277.12
Borrowing	475,000.00
Interest on Deposited Funds	15,606.79
Licenses & Permits	209,690.23
Charges for Services	4,582.08
Rent of Property	4,480.08
Insurance Reimbursements	2,972.08
Other Local Sources	1,067.22
Miscellaneous-Investment Transfer	981,568.69

TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$3,895,712.80
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GRAND TOTAL		\$4,952,220.04
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Selectmen's Orders Paid	3,038,205.74
Transfers to Investment Account	500,000.00
Accounts Payable - Dec.'99	(11,439.06)
A/P Reserved for Ordinance Books	(500.00)
A/P Reserved for Storm Damage	(9,887.41)

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS		\$3,516,379.27
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CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1999		\$1,435,840.77
Plus: Change in Position-Investment Account		(480,000.00)

TOTAL CASH ON HAND - December 31, 1999		\$955,840.77
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1-1010-01-100		422,952.81
On Deposit in NOW Account		
1-1010-01-300		<u>532,887.96</u>
On Deposit in Investment Account		955,840.77

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From Cindi Adler, Collector:

1-1080-01-074	Property Taxes, Levy of 1999	1,738,657.26
1-1080-01-075	Property Taxes, Levy of 1998	157,294.08
1-1080-01-166 to 275	Resident Taxes, 1999 & Delinquent	10,330.00
1-1080-01-299 to 300	Land Use Change Tax	6,040.00
1-1080-01-316 to 318	Yield Taxes	11,622.00
1-1080-01-399	Excavation Tax	1,985.00
1-1080-01-448	Excavation Activity Tax	930.00
1-1110-01-086 to 089	Property Tax Sale/Tax Liens	130,747.90
1-3190-01-100 to 250	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	5,762.65
1-3190-01-265 to 268	Interest and Costs on Tax Liens	9,812.26
	Total from Collector	\$2,073,181.15

From Federal Grants & Reimbursements:

1-3319-03-200	Federal Disaster Relief	9,287.36
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9,287.36

From Treasurer, State of NH:		
1-3351-04-100	Shared Revenue	17,803.98
1-3352-04-100	Rooms & Meals Distribution	31,850.05
1-3353-04-200	Highway Block Grant	56,131.56
1-3356-04-300	Forest Land Reimbursement	19.18
1-3359-04-300	Forest Fire Reimbursement	472.35
1-3359-04-375	State Ed Tax - Admin Reimbursement	12,000.00
Total from Treasurer, State of NH		\$118,277.12
From Borrowing:		
1-2230-01-100	Tax Anticipation	475,000.00
Total from Borrowing		\$475,000.00
Income from Deposited Funds:		
1-3502-07-100	Checking Account Interest	642.46
1-3502-07-200	Investment Account Interest	14,964.33
Total from Interest on Deposited Funds		\$15,606.79
From Licenses & Permits:		
1-3210-02-100	U.C.C. Fees	567.00
1-3220-02-050	Motor Vehicle Permits	203,201.00
1-3220-02-060	Motor Vehicle Application File Fee	700.00
1-3230-02-100	Building Permits	1,561.91
1-3290-02-100	Dog Licenses and Fines	2,052.50
1-3290-02-150	Marriage Licenses	540.00
1-3290-02-200	Vital Statistics Requests	466.00
1-3290-02-250	Pistol Permits	110.00
1-3290-02-290	Voluntary Merger Fee	12.00
1-3290-02-300	Current Use Fees	50.50
1-3290-02-350	Planning & Zoning Hearings	349.32
1-3290-02-450	Candidacy Filing Fees	5.00
1-3290-02-500	Junk Yard Permits	25.00
1-3290-02-525	Utility Pole Fees	10.00
1-3290-02-550	Dump Permit Fees	40.00
Total of Licenses and Permit Fees		\$209,690.23
From Charges for Services:		
1-3401-06-100	Westmoreland Fire/Rescue Gas	176.09
1-3401-06-200	Ambulance	1,742.85
1-3401-06-225	Welfare Reimbursement	420.14
1-3401-06-250	Westmoreland School District (Mowing)	1,733.00
1-3401-06-300	Services To Residents	510.00
Total Charges for Services		\$4,582.08
From Rent of Property:		
1-3503-07-100	Post Office Rental	4,000.08
1-3503-07-200	Town Hall Rental	480.00
Total Rent of Property		\$4,480.08
From Insurance Reimbursements:		
1-3506-07-200	Workers Comp Audit Refund	707.00
1-3506-07-300	Liability Dividend	2,265.08
Total from Insurance Reimbursement		\$2,972.08
From Other Local Sources:		
1-3509-07-050	Town History Sales	475.00
1-3509-07-100	Telephone Commission	10.56

1-3509-07-150	Copies & Postage	71.50	
1-3509-07-200	Miscellaneous	510.16	
	Total from Other Local Sources		\$1,067.22
	Miscellaneous:		
	Investment Transfer From NHPDIP	980,000.00	
	Investment Transfer From Savings to NHPDIP-Rec. A	1,568.69	
	Total from Miscellaneous		\$981,568.69
	GRAND TOTAL - ALL RECEIPTS		\$3,895,712.80

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Executive Office	31,789.31
Elec., Reg., Vital Statistics	9,402.93
Financial Administration	12,834.50
Legal Expenses	393.75
Worker's Compensation	627.65
Planning & Zoning	1,373.01
General Government Buildings	16,250.83
Cemeteries	4,500.00
Police Department	7,634.28
Ambulance	7,982.75
Fire & Rescue Departments	18,981.21
Building Inspection	1,483.02
Emergency Management	800.21
Highway Administration	80,656.90
General Highway Expenses	140,882.25
Street Lighting	2,471.44
Road Improvements	16,612.00
Solid Waste Disposal	50,702.27
Health Administration	53.83
Animal Control	60.00
Health Agencies/Hospitals	4,140.00
Welfare Administration	53.83
General Welfare Assistance	1,092.75
Parks & Recreation	5,418.75
Library	16,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	2,625.69
Conservation Commission	720.00
Debt. Service - Grader/Fire Truck	26,792.91
Interest on Loans	4,567.50
Interest on TAN	5,206.84
Library Repairs	15,000.00
Capital Reserve Funds	8,500.00
Short Term Principal	475,000.00
County Tax	215,717.00
Taxes Bought By Town	62,025.51
Westmoreland School District	1,753,743.00
Abatements	1,402.00
Refund of Overpayment of '99 Prop. Taxes	3,295.00
Admin Costs - State Education Tax	5,501.66
Fed/State Disaster Relief Repairs	9,287.36
'98 Accounts Payable	5,846.78
Reserved Funds- Highway Tanks	908.33

Reserved Funds - Library Ramp	6,500.00	
Reserved Funds- Town Hall Doors	1,800.00	
Transfer of Recreation Account	1,568.69	
Total Selectmen's Orders Paid		3,038,205.74
Tranfers to Investment Account		500,000.00
Total Payments for all Purposes		\$3,538,205.74

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS IN HANDS OF TREASURER

Investment Account - NHPDIP
New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance - December 31, 1998	\$997,923.63
Deposits in 1999	\$500,000.00
Withdrawals in 1999	\$980,000.00
Interest Earned in 1999	\$14,964.33
Balance - December 31, 1999	\$532,887.96

Recreation Fund

Balance - December 31, 1998	\$1,568.69
Interest Credited- 1999	\$56.14
Balance - December 31, 1999	\$1,624.83

LOANS OUTSTANDING

1. Grader Loan- Connecticut River Bank

Date of Loan- 12/29/95
Amount of Loan- \$80,000
Rate of Loan- 6.00%
Length of Loan- 5 years
Payment per year- \$16,000 plus interest
Amount owed on loan (as of 12/31/99) - \$16,000.00 plus interest

2. Fire Truck Loan- Connecticut River Bank

Date of Loan- 12/17/98
Amount of Loan- \$53,939.53
Rate of Loan- 4.950%
Length of Loan- 5 years
Payment per year- \$10,792.91 plus interest
Amount owed on loan (as of 12/31/99) - \$43,146.62 plus interest

CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

We continue to work on repairing stones. Unfortunately, McKim Mitchell, who does our stone repair, had to spend a vast amount of time in Concord in his position as Cheshire County Representative working on the school tax issue. He will begin work on stones again in the spring.

We will be looking at improving the conditions of the roadways at the North and East Cemeteries. Don Hall is still in the middle of his battle with poison ivy at the South Cemetery.

Any questions regarding cemeteries, perpetual care or lot purchases can be directed to us.

Respectfully submitted,
Cemetery Trustees
Don Hall
Carlson Barrett
JoAnn LaBarre

INCOME

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 1999	\$3,658.92
Town Appropriation	\$4,500.00
Trust Fund Interest	3,866.22
Savings Account Interest	97.26
Sale of lots	100.00
New Trust Funds	100.00
Donation	10.00
	<u>\$8,673.48</u>

EXPENSES

Cersosimo Ind. – stone dust	288.00
Stone repair	25.00
Don Hall - poison ivy killer	25.98
NHPDIP - new perpetual care investment	100.00
Mowing – all cemeteries	<u>7836.25</u>
	<u>\$8,275.23</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1999	<u>\$4,057.17</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Accounts - Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1999

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Property Tax		211,759.85		
Resident Tax		1,620.00	1,510.00	2,050.00
Land Use Change		4,540.00		
Yield Tax		234.00	737.00	

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Tax	1,880,354.00			
Resident Tax	8,900.00			
Land Use Change	4,012.00			
Yield Tax	12,325.00			
Excavation Activity Tax	2,915.00			

Added Taxes:

Resident Tax	590.00			40.00
Overpayment - Property Taxes	3,295.00			
Interest on Property Taxes	303.06	10,021.33		
Collected Resident Tax Penalties	18.00	86.00	75.00	73.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,912,712.06	\$228,261.18	\$2,322.00	\$2,163.00

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

Property Tax	1,738,657.26	157,294.08		
Resident Tax	7,950.00	900.00	750.00	730.00
Land Use Change	4,012.00	2,028.00		
Yield Tax	10,885.00		737.00	
Interest	303.06	5,207.59		
Penalties	18.00	86.00	75.00	73.00
Conversion to Lien		62,025.51		

Excavation Activity Tax

Abatements Allowed:

Property Tax				
Resident Tax	600.00	480.00	520.00	1,200.00
Yield Tax				

Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:

Property Tax	144,991.74			
Resident Tax	940.00	240.00	240.00	160.00
Land Use Change				
Yield Tax	1,440.00			

TOTAL CREDITS

\$1,912,712.06

\$2,322.00

\$2,163.00

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1999

DEBITS

	Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levies of:			
	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Balance of Unredeemed Liens Beginning of Fiscal Year:		64,190.16	42,699.94	1,537.01
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year:	62,025.51			
Interests & Costs Collected After Lien Execution:	796.19	1,911.44	7,104.63	
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$62,821.70</u>	<u>\$66,101.60</u>	<u>\$49,804.57</u>	<u>\$1,537.01</u>
CREDITS				
Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:				
Redemptions	17,096.56	12,867.45	37,261.44	1,496.94
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	796.19	1,911.44	7,104.63	
Liens Deeded to Municipality Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	44,928.95	51,322.71	5,438.50	40.07
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$62,821.70</u>	<u>\$66,101.60</u>	<u>\$49,804.57</u>	<u>\$1,537.01</u>

WESTMORELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

1999 was another busy year for the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department. The department responded to a total of 147 fire & rescue calls, the second most calls for a year in the history of the department. These 147 calls consumed over 760 person-hours alone. Along with fire & rescue calls, the dept conducted and participated in over 400 hrs of training of the 24 fire & rescue personnel.

The Westmoreland Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department active roster stands at 25 fire and rescue personnel, with 8 personnel being Emergency Medical Technician qualified. The department has welcomed 3 new members during the 1999 year. We also had 2 members resign from the department.

Besides responding to calls and conducting training, the department was also involved with numerous other activities. The department was given the opportunity this past year to burn a house for training purposes. Over 75 people attended from 4 local departments. It provided an excellent training experience for all involved. The department also hosted a small fund-raiser in May, the Forest Fire Warden's Association and sponsored its annual Chicken Barbecue in July.

Once again, we would like to ask for your help by putting your house numbers on either your house (if visible from the road), your mail box (both sides), or on a post at the end of your driveway. This will aid us in reaching your emergency quicker. If you are aware of any town resident who is in need of any medical equipment or has any to donate, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the department.

Any Westmoreland resident wishing to become a member of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department may join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. The members of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire and Rescue would like to thank the citizens of Westmoreland for your outstanding support this past year.

Respectfully submitted, Harry Nelson, Chief

1999 FIRE & RESCUE CALLS

Type	Number of Calls	Total Personnel Hours
Automatic Fire Alarms:		
Water Treatment Plant	1	.30
County Jail	5	10.28
Nursing Home	18	31.29
Private Residence	3	3.45
Brush Fires	4	52.42
Car Fires	3	26.08
Chimney Fires	3	26.17
Downed Wires/Transformer	5	57.41
Good Intent/Smoke Investig.	2	7.57
Gas/Oil Leak	3	17.57
Mutual Aid:	8	90.25
Medical Emergencies:		
County Jail	9	18.38
Nursing Home	6	13.39
Other	49	109.43
Motor Vehicle Accidents	16	145.24
Hazmat	1	96.51
Public Assist	3	1.34
Structure Fires	2	53.46
Total	141	760.54

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency - 911

Non-Emergency - 352-1291

1999 saw somewhat fewer complaints than last year. This was tempered however by several complaints that required many more hours of investigation and court time each. Listed below are the 1999 statistics, sans about two pages lost on the hard drive that could not be recovered. These statistics do not reflect complaints handled solely by NHSP, accidents handled solely by fire/rescue or complaints that I was unavailable for.

Special thanks to the Selectmen and JoAnn LaBarre for their support, to the New Hampshire State Police for quick and oft needed assistance, and to Mutual Aid dispatchers one and all without whom we would require many more resources.

Jack Zeller, Constable

Accidents	8	Harassment	4
Alarms	4	House checks	3
Animal	61	Intoxication	1
Assault	2	Juvenile	2
Assist other Dept.	6	Misc.	32
Criminal Mischief	3	Motor vehicle complaints	12
Criminal Threatening	2	Sexual assault/felony	1
Criminal Trespass	7	Sexual assault/misdemeanor	2
Disorderly Conduct	2	Suspicious persons	5
Domestic	5	Theft	6
Fraud	1		

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1999

Motor Vehicle Registrations - 2,166	\$203,201.00
Vital Statistic Requests - 53	\$466.00
Dog Licenses Issued: 292 Tags	\$1802.50
6 Group	\$150.00
Candidacy Filings - 8	\$5.00
Marriage Licenses Issued - 12	\$540.00
Utility Pole Permit -1	\$10.00
UCC Filings - 37	\$567.00
Title Applications - 360	<u>\$700.00</u>
 Total Remitted to Treasurer	 \$207,441.50

PUBLIC LIBRARY

This past year marked a turning point in the history of the Library. Plans for a new children's room addition were launched, and the existing building received funds from the Town for repairs. In Nov., the 30-year old roof, which leaked, was replaced. The Trustees engaged in an active campaign to raise funds to match the \$50,000 anonymous donation. A town-wide appeal was made in May, and personal contact with organizations & corporations has yielded a large portion of the matching funds. Through other fund-raising activities, including a quilt raffle, tag sale, book sales, both during Old Home Day, and later selling donated books to book dealers, the Library is well on its way to completing the match. Adjoining land has been given to the Library, as well as other services, and the Library is most grateful for the generous donations it has received thus far. This winter, we plan to replace the windows and we look forward to spring when we can first start to dig the foundation. We will be initiating other fund raising activities in the coming months, to ensure that our new addition will be meeting the needs of the community, in both its outside and indoors facilities. The addition will incorporate a ramp, which will fill our ADA requirements, as well as a bathroom. At present we are using an Incinole, which runs electrically, and which will be reinstalled in our new space.

Our statistics show that 2,486 people visited the Library, which was open for 149 days during the year. 32 new patrons registered. Circulation, including books & other materials reached 5,328, of which 206 were procured through inter-library loan. We loaned 40 books and audio-tapes to other libraries. We circulated 61 Large Print books. 82 visitors used our library for reading & research, and 59 patrons used the computer. 22 reference questions were answered. 93 overdue notices were mailed. 5 books were lost or damaged. We weeded 80 volumes, of which 7 were accepted by the Last Copy Center at the State Library. We acquisitioned 459 titles, 204 were donations and 255 were purchased.

The Library has truly benefited from all the work our many volunteers do. 316 volunteer hours were clocked in this year. Our programs included a regularly held Story Hour for 3 and 4 year olds, organized by Susanne Bates, regular visits from the Westmoreland First Grade, and a busy Summer Program. This year's statewide theme was "Once Upon a Summer Reading." 22 children enrolled and a total of 57 persons participated. Many folk and fairy tales were read aloud, and circulated during the six-week program. Activities included making marbled paper, journal keeping, nature walk, writing a group "tall-tale", costume-making for a "story-book character" and parading during the 100th Old Home Day.

A three-year inventory of Adult and Juvenile Fiction & Non-Fiction titles was completed. Staff is now busy typing up shelf-list cards, and adding and deleting titles for the State On-Line Catalog. Videos have been catalogued, and a list of audio-tapes has been compiled. Our biggest addition in reference material, is the purchase of the New World Book 2000, replacing the 1990 edition, which now may circulate.

This year, we received the first of the Federal Schools and Libraries Division grants, which reimbursed the Library for 50% of the costs of Telecommunications including our Internet Service and our telephone, over an 18-month period. This amounted to \$593.50. In the coming months, we will be reapplying for our second year reimbursements, as well as applying for our third year grant. Our second telephone, linked to our computer, has been free through the state E-rate program, but after February 2000, will cost us \$49 a month. We are also looking ahead to purchasing a new computer and software, which will supply our need for more rapid Internet access, as well as increased patron usage. Our older computer will hopefully serve the public in other ways.

Our connection to the State Library is kept strong by our association with the Nubanusit Coop. Not only do we receive a set of circulating Videos every other month, but also a State Library rep. attends these meetings & valuable information is distributed. Forthcoming from the State will be the Revised Standards, required of all libraries in the system. Included are safety, educational & technological components. These standards will impact the quality of our Library services & meeting these requirements will be one of the challenges facing the Library in the coming year. A new children's library space will make it easier to hold meetings & activities. We are eagerly awaiting this new building. Respectfully submitted, Maisie Crowther, Director

WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Financial Report – 1999

INFLOWS

Book Sale	\$332.71
Book Sales - other	\$96.65
Book Donations	\$58.25
Copy machine	\$20.00
Fundraising	\$1,049.45
Grant	\$593.50

Interest Earned:

Checking	\$42.44
Trust Funds	\$1,017.28

Total Interest Earned	\$1,059.72
Jotham Lord Fund	\$294.34
Out of Town Patrons	\$10.00
Town Appropriation:	\$16,000.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$19,514.62

OUTFLOWS

Architect	\$1,000.00
Books	\$3,052.63
Building	\$521.73
Computer	\$207.33
Dues	\$60.00
Electricity	\$319.54
Equipment & repair	\$90.00
Heat (Gas)	\$961.41
Magazines	\$271.25
Maintenance	\$110.40
Other	\$8.00
Postage	\$135.78
Salaries: Salaries (inc. Fica & Medi)	\$11,348.07
Summer Program	\$26.48
Supplies	\$403.16
Telephone	\$714.94
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$19,230.72

Checking Account Balance 12/31/98	\$4,818.23
Inflows	\$19,514.62
Expenses	\$19,230.72
Transferred to Edward Jones Acct.	\$2,792.81
Checking Account Balance 12/31/99	\$2,309.32

OTHER ASSETS: BUILDING FUND

CD Savings Bank of Walpole 12/31/98	\$15,515.85
Interest Earned	<u>\$547.04</u>
Total transferred to Edward Jones 9/10/99	\$16,062.89
Contributions to Building Fund-Edward Jones	\$16,908.00
Town Funds: Allocation for Repairs	\$15,000.00
Expenses:Roof,Toilet	\$5,860.84
Total Remainder Transferred to Edward Jones	\$9,139.16
Ramp Allocation, Transferred to Edward Jones	\$6,500.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Briggs Fund, Cemetery Trustees and Library Trustees for the year 1999 and find them to be correct and properly vouched. Additional findings and recommendations are on file with the Selectmen.

Ralph Werninger, Lloyd Draper - Auditors

1999 REPORT FOR BRIGGS, BLEEKER, AND RUTH D. WHITE TRUST FUNDS

On December 20 or 21, 1999, the students at Westmoreland School had holiday parties at school. The interest from the Brigg's, Bleeker, and White Funds was used to purchase gifts for children in grades Kindergarten through five. We ordered pizza for the middle school students to enjoy at their parties. Thanks to Delisle's Village Store for taking on this large order of pizzas and also for accommodating a last minute change of day.

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley, Castor, Jr., Susan Castor

HEALTH REPORT

Questions and complaints that were investigated for the year 1999 are as follows:

Septic System failures	3	Dog bite complaint	1
Day Care Facility inspections	1	Nuisance complaints	7
Assisted living home inspection	2		

Respectfully submitted,
William Huntley, Health Officer

ROAD AGENT REPORT

We are a new Highway Department this year, as you probably know. Town Road Agent is myself, Bruce Russell. My full time counterpart is town resident, Gary Hudson. We have been shorthanded since April and hope that we will be able to hire another full time employee in the spring. Rick Hatt has been hired to help with plowing, sanding and salting for the winter months. There has been no snow to speak of at the time this report had to be submitted, but there has been those pesky rain, snow and ice mix storms. Without Rick, we would not have been able to take care of the roads as well as we did. We thank you for your patience during these storms, as they always seem to be the worst.

In 1999, there were a few projects completed by the Highway Department. The bridge on Old Mill Brook Road was repaired. The graveling on Paine Road was finished, which was a project that was started last year. We dealt with the cleanup and repair work caused by the tropical storm Floyd. Many thanks to JoAnn LaBarre for her work, which enabled the town to recoup some of the cost from FEMA.

The Highway Department is here to serve the residents of this town. Please let us know how to better serve you. By leaving your name with your message when calling is a good start. How can we let you know what we've done and how we can help you if we don't know who you are?

Bruce Russell, Road Agent

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

In 1999, the Zoning Board of Adjustment had four requests for Variances. One was granted and three were denied. One request for variance was reheard and granted with conditions. Three requests for Special Exception were heard and granted.

All applications for Zoning Board of Adjustment hearings for special exceptions and variances originate with the Selectmen's office in the absence of a Zoning Administrator. Hearings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month, when necessary. Applications must be in the hands of the zoning clerk, Helen Draper, at least fourteen (14) days prior to hearing date to allow time for notification of abutters and the general public.

The Selectmen need to appoint a Zoning Inspector and at least one Zoning Board member or alternate.

Zoning Board Members during 1999:

Peter Remy, Chairman	John Burt
Brenda Shelley	Brian Merry
Barry Shonbeck	April Ferguson, Alternate

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Draper, Clerk

PLANNING BOARD

The Westmoreland Planning Board holds regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held in the Selectmen's office of the Town Hall and begin at 7:30PM.

For 1999 there was one Site Plan approval and there are three pending. There was one Boundary Line Adjustment done and there is one Sub-Division in progress.

A new Ordinance Book will be printed incorporating changes made since the last print in 1989. The Board is continuing work on the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan and intends to focus on the Master Plan in 2000.

Reginald Simino, Chairman	James Ashworth	Lauren Bressett
Linwood Burt	Thomas Hanna	Linn Starkey, Jr.
Jeff Ingram	JoAnn LaBarre, Secretary	

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Permits issued – year ending December 31, 1999:

One-family dwellings	6	Remodeling	9
Swimming Pool	1	Additions	5
Garages	3	Barns	1
Sheds	3	Total	28

Respectfully submitted,
Linn J. Starkey, Jr.

WANTASTIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE Of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

With the designation of the Connecticut as an American Heritage River, it has been a busy year for our waterway on all levels. In celebration of this honor, our river hosted both federal and state agencies and the Vice President of the United States. All of these agencies are looking to the river's local subcommittees of citizens for advice on how best to answer the concerns and needs of valley people.

Towns in our region are reviewing the many tools and recommendations we have provided in the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*. Most communities, including Westmoreland, are actively moving to incorporate them as they update their existing town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly in the area of shoreland protection. The future of the region's valuable agricultural lands continues to be a concern.

The Subcommittee is monitoring recreational use of the river and advised the CRJC on preparation of a new pamphlet, *Boating on the Connecticut River*. The 28-page pamphlet contains new recreation maps that are color-coded to show legal boating speeds, no wake zones, and access points. The pamphlet has been made available to the public without charge and the maps are posted at access sites.

We have continued to provide information, advice and assistance to the states, towns, and to local landowners on a number of projects on or near the river, including riverbank stabilization and bridges.

We held a public forum on local Connecticut River fisheries with VT & NH biologists, preceded by a tour of the Bellows Falls hydro station and fish ladder, another forum on the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, and a tour of the new riverside trail at the Cheshire County Farm.

The public is welcome to participate in our meetings, at the Westmoreland Town Hall on the fourth Wednesday of every month. We invite citizens interested in representing the Town to contact the Selectmen. More information, including a calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the Connecticut River Management Plan, is on the web at www.crjc.org/localaction.htm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Adams Janice Kos

Westmoreland representatives to the Wantastiquet Subcommittee

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

As enabled by NH RSA 36-A & RSA 483-A, the Conservation Commission continues to assess the natural resources of the town and review and respond to wetland permit applications submitted to the NH Department of Environmental Resources.

The Commission worked with the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment to update and revise some of the town's wetland and floodplain ordinances as presented and passed by the voters in March 1999.

Working with the Planning Board and the town representatives to the Wantastiquet region river subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commission, we have developed and refined a town plan that will meet the requirements of NH RSA 483. As mandated by the designation of the Connecticut River to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program in 1992, each community along the river is required to develop and adopt a river corridor management plan tailored to its needs. Westmoreland's plan is in the final review stages and will hopefully be adopted in the coming year.

Updating the town's resource maps has been a priority for gaining an accurate picture of our community. As a start, the Commission contracted with Southwest Region Planning Commission for preparation of a set of digitized maps. The GIS maps depict topography, roads, hydrology, USGS place

preparation of a set of digitized maps. The GIS maps depict topography, roads, hydrology, USGS place names, aquifers, hydric and prime agriculture soils and a complete soils map along with a mylar overlay. In addition, an aerial photo composite of the town was also obtained. The maps will be of great value to the work of the Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, other town officials and the residents of Westmoreland who wish to become aware of the town's resources. Plans are to continue the map update process, including preparation of a refined zoning map and eventually a digital tax map that can be adjusted annually right at the town office. A side benefit of the map process was perhaps the refinement of the town's 911 mapping.

The Commission organized and held its third "Junk Amnesty Day" where tons of unwanted material were brought to the transfer station at no charge. This effort has been met with enthusiasm by residents and would not be possible without the cooperation of our selectmen, the waste management contractor, its employees and the volunteers who helped. Another "Amnesty" day is planned for Spring 2000. Folks may not know it, but the sanitary facilities that are now at the transfer station for the employees are the result of donations received at the "Days".

The Conservation Commission meets at the town hall on the first Tuesday of the month and invites anyone to visit with us. We look forward to another busy and productive year. Feel free to contact any of our members with comments, concerns or questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Marshall Patmos, Chm Frances Laurent , Jean Rudolph, George Duke, Walter Derjue, John Lukin



REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN & STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1999 Fire season was a challenging but safer year for wildland firefighters in New Hampshire. The severe drought conditions throughout the spring and summer months combined with residual effects of the 1998 Ice Storm, resulted in a dramatic increase in wildland fires. In addition to burning in excess of 452 acres, 35 structures were also impacted by wildfire. Wildland fires in the urban interface is a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their structures by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1999 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 10, 1999)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	139	66 Acres
Carroll	81	17
Cheshire	131	28
Coos	18	3.25
Grafton	70	18
Hillsborough	271	50
Merrimack	213	115
Rockingham	218	111
Strafford	98	26
Sullivan	62	17

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	188
Debris Burning	352
Campfire	161
Children	176
Railroad	6
Equipment Use	43
Lightning	42
*Miscellaneous	279
Arson/Suspicious	54

TOTAL FIRES 1998: 798 1999: 1301
 TOTAL ACRES 1998: 442.86 1999: 452.28

*Misc.(powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV)

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Robert Stewart, Forest Ranger

Wesley Staples, Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

1999 ADDITIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Trust Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6-29-99	Michael J. Acerno Scholarship	\$100.00
9-1-99	South Village Cemetery, Perpetual Care	100.00
12-31-99	Transfer to Principal – Westmoreland Men's Club	20.34
12-31-100	Total Additions to Trust Funds	\$220.34

<u>Date</u>	<u>Capital Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12-28-99	Police Cruiser	\$2500.00
12-28-99	Highway	6000.00
	Total Additions to Capital Reserve Funds	\$8500.00

1999 DISBURSEMENTS

<u>Paid to</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Westmoreland Public Library	Support of Library	Bennett, Briggs, Capron, Goodrum E. & F. Neff, Thompson-Overman, Starkey, and Warner Funds	\$1017.28
Westmoreland Public Library	Books	Jotham Lord Fund	294.34
Barbara Messer	Graduates' Banquet	Lois Leach Graduates Fund	142.85
Lauren Zwolinski	Book Awards	Susan H. Cutter Grammar Awards	39.00
Westmoreland Cemetery Trustees	Cemetery Maintenance & Perpetual Care	Canoe Meadow, Chaffee, Gline, East Westmoreland, North, Pratt, Outlying, and South Village	3866.22
Westmoreland School Nurse	Health Office Supplies	P. L. Bragg Health Fund	497.85
Union Meetinghouse Society	Repairs/Maintenace of Union Meetinghouse	S. & V. Hall, Johnson, and Woodward Memorial Funds	157.78
Susan Castor	Children's Christmas	Briggs, Bleeker, and R. A. White	256.49
Westmoreland School	School Support	Fox, Esty, and Town Literary Funds	332.21
Transfer of Income to Principal (to comply with terms of Trust)		Westmoreland Men's Club	20.34
Joann LaBarre, Treasurer	Town Aged & Needy	Starkey – Cobb Funds	434.32
	Total Disbursements		\$7058.68

DEATHS AT MAPLEWOOD

Date	Name	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Residence
05/21/1999	Lawrence E. Aldrich	Elmer V. Aldrich	Cassie Bourette	Keene, NH
05/29/1999	Guy J. Baldasaro	Guy Baldasaro	Mary Demore	N. Walpole, NH
12/31/1999	Lucienne Emmanuel Bergeron	Gabriel Couette	Marie Salom	Keene, NH
08/17/1999	Mary W. Britton	Max White	Ida Luther	Westmoreland, NH
07/27/1999	Angeline Bushway	Wilfred Poisson	Emma Desrochers	N. Walpole, NH
07/22/1999	Antoinette M. Cosillo	Raphael C. Cosillo	Maria Cleonardo	Westmoreland, NH
02/26/1999	Joseph W. Clark	Alton D. Clark	Mary MacInnis	Westmoreland, NH
01/06/1999	Stuart Cooper	Albert Cooper	Margaret Ellwell	Westmoreland, NH
11/24/1999	Dorothy E. Dean	U/K Jellison	Bessie Knowles	Westmoreland, NH
01/07/1999	Orvis B. Fairbanks	Orvis K. Fairbanks	Bertha Vose	Keene, NH
06/05/1999	Marion B. Greven	Perley W. Brown	Della M. Goodrich	Westmoreland, NH
05/07/1999	Robert Hall	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
11/04/1999	Elizabeth H. Harper	Altheade Cote	Marie Beaudoin	Keene, NH
05/23/1999	Muriel R. Hollenbeck	Harry C. Russell	Florence Tucker	N. Swanzey, NH
12/24/1999	Robert Morgan Houghton	Charles W. Houghton	Dorothy Morgan	Westmoreland, NH
01/05/1999	John Wilbur Hunt	George W. Hunt	Rachel Welch	Marlborough, NH
10/31/1999	Ardelle Pauline Janosz	Joseph Szarek	Magdeleine Wuodyla	Westmoreland, NH
12/19/1999	Doris E. Lamere	Nelson Lamere	Bessie Clough	Westmoreland, NH
12/25/1999	Pauline D. LaRock	Treffley DeManche	Josephine Bastarache	Westmoreland, NH
09/30/1999	Eleanor Muth	Arthur McKnight	Anna Curtis	Westmoreland, NH
02/14/1999	Dorothy H. Neal	Frank L. Harlow	Geneva Page	Westmoreland, NH
11/21/1999	Anna Rita Noonan	Robert Ferdinand McGannon	Marie Christine Schmutt	Stamford, CT
05/06/1999	Annie Ethel Oke	Eugene Finch	Ruth Gumb	Wellesley, MA
09/19/1999	Carlton W. Peterson	Floyd Peterson	Isabelle Whitney	Westmoreland, NH
01/27/1999	Myrtle L. Randall	Warren Taylor	Maud Carey	Winchester, NH
09/24/1999	Marion C. Rouillard	Noe Chevalier	Ida Rousseau	Claremont, NH
01/03/1999	Clarence E. Smith	Ernest C. Smith	Laura L. Russett	W. Swanzey, NH
07/14/1999	Eizo L. Smith	Wilbur Twitchell	Blanche Day	Keene, NH
08/29/1999	Leola H. Stacy	William MacKenzie	Ruth Everton	Westmoreland, NH
08/14/1999	Eleanor Streeter	George H. Donham	Edith Briggs	Charlestown, NH
10/30/1999	Carolyn Irma Trotter	Donald Green Trotter	Louise A. Schewe	Westmoreland, NH
06/23/1999	Exaverine Vaillancourt	Charles Rodier	Anglina Ledoux	Westmoreland, NH
10/02/1999	Elsie M. Washer	Charles Cridland	Charlotte Landhagen	Keene, NH
02/08/1999	Mabeth S. White	Edwin Baker	Ethel Davis	Westmoreland, NH

DEATHS OUT OF TOWN

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
03/22/1999	Keene, NH	John Kirk Aldrich	Howard Aldrich	Mary Kirk
04/26/1999	Keene, NH	Katherine B. Aldrich	Andrew Butterfield	Katherine Fitzgerald
04/13/1999	Brattleboro, VT	Rachel R. Deuso	Louis Tremblay	Bertha Martel
07/25/1999	Keene, NH	Dorothy Fish	David Fish	Deila Durant
09/11/1999	Keene, NH	Lena L. Lagerberg	Joseph LaBounty	Susan Fisher
09/21/1999	Keene, NH	Murel Robbins	Leon Taylor	Marion Wheeler
03/17/1999	Keene, NH	Oliver O. Smith	Karl Smith	Alice Keyser
06/14/1999	Keene, NH	Jeffrey A. Starkey	Linn Starkey, Jr.	Marcia Perham
11/16/1999	Keene, NH	Evelyn F. Woodward	Edmund Pelkey	Lillian Boutwell

DEATHS IN TOWN (Not Maplewood)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
12/16/1999	56 Partridge Brook Rd.	Patricia Masterson Gardner	Florence North	Earle Masterson
01/27/1999	16 Makinen Rd.	Raymond James Moore, Sr.	Marion Clara Wilson	William Edward Moore
12/07/1999	90 Aldrich Rd.	Edward Lyster Ogilvie, Jr.	Jessie Brown	Edward L. Ogilvie Sr.
06/04/1999	90 Aldrich Rd.	Isabella Ann Perlowski	Joseph Kozlowski	Bertha Ciaja

BURIALS

<u>Burial Date</u>	<u>Burial Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
08/20/1999	South Village Cemetery	Mary W. Britton	Keene, NH	08/17/1999
06/25/1999	South Village Cemetery	Jeffrey A. Starkey	Keene, NH	06/14/1999
05/12/1999	South Village Cemetery	Mabeth S. White	Westmoreland, NH	02/08/1999
11/24/1999	South Village Cemetery	Alfred Alexander Willette	Brattleboro, VT	11/20/1999

BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Baby's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>
07/31/1999	Keene, NH	Danielle Joyce Acerno	Wendy S. Farnsworth	Michael Acerno, Jr.
08/23/1999	Keene, NH	Natalie Rae Goodrich	Laurie Ray	Kelly Goodrich
08/23/1999	Keene, NH	Noah John Goodrich	Laurie Ray	Kelly Goodrich
03/18/1999	Keene, NH	Dylan Patrick Greenwood	Christine K. Boyea	Patrick Greenwood
03/25/1999	Keene, NH	Calvin Scott Hunter	Debra M. Frizzell	Scott L. Hunter
11/05/1999	Keene, NH	Sophia Jean McLaughlin	Katherine Schramm	D. Chris McLaughlin
04/10/1999	Brattleboro, VT	Emma Rose Piers	Kimberly J. Lohnes	George F. Piers
10/15/1999	Keene, NH	Kale Christopher Simino	Shiloh Russell	Christopher Simino

MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Residence</u>
10/30/1999	Westmoreland, NH	Seth D.E. Buffum	Spofford, NH
09/24/1999	Concord, NH	Julie E.H. Davis	Spofford, NH
		Dale W. Clark	Concord, NH
09/18/1999	Westmoreland, NH	Debra J. Fahey	Westmoreland, NH
12/31/1999	Westmoreland, NH	Joseph Renfrew Edmonds	Westmoreland, NH
05/21/1999	Westmoreland, NH	Jane Elizabeth Furtodo	Newport, RI
07/03/1999	Westmoreland, NH	Henny DeLuca	Westmoreland, NH
07/31/1999	Westmoreland, NH	Susan Goodnow	Westmoreland, NH
09/19/1999	Westmoreland, NH	Eric A. Goe	Westmoreland, NH
01/17/1999	Keene, NH	Susan R. DeVries	Westmoreland, NH
08/28/1999	Westmoreland, NH	Richard Deane Hatt	Westmoreland, NH
08/21/1999	W. Chesterfield, NH	Brenda Joyce Lawrence	Westmoreland, NH
05/22/1999	Westmoreland, NH	Howard M. Henderson	Bellows Falls, VT
08/14/1999	Rindge, NH	Glenda M. Driscoll	Port Orange, FL
10/16/1999	Westmoreland, NH	Bartlett R. LaValley	Westmoreland, NH
08/06/1999	Westmoreland, NH	Mary E. Mullen	Keene, NH
07/24/1999	Surry, NH	Rickie L. Massey	Westmoreland, NH
06/12/1999	Keene, NH	Judy E. Marsh	Westmoreland, NH
06/20/1999	Whitehall, NY	John Paul Matthews, Jr.	Westmoreland, NH
09/04/1999	Westmoreland, NH	Nancy Linda Clark	Westmoreland, NH
05/16/1999	Walpole, NH	Richard Alan Meyer	Westmoreland, NH
		Cathy Ann Conkling	Westmoreland, NH
		Michael Walter Moody	Westmoreland, NH
		Laurel Anne Perkins	Westmoreland, NH
		John E. Nielson	Westmoreland, NH
		Vivian Chiang	Westmoreland, NH
		Ronald P. Paranto	Proctor, VT
		Heidi A. Kenyon	Proctor, VT
		Richard L. Parent	Westmoreland, NH
		Johanna D. Kervella	Westmoreland, NH
		Dana P. Ross	Westmoreland, NH
		Kathleen A. Richard	Westmoreland, NH
		Karl Eric Shonbeck	Westmoreland, NH
		Julie Ann Wyman	Westmoreland, NH
		Damian Mark Truttling	Whitehall, NY
		Lisa Leann Carter	Westmoreland, NH
		Mark Allen Wirant	Westmoreland, NH
		Sharon Elizabeth Cudd	Westmoreland, NH
		Neil F. VanZile	Westmoreland, NH
		Julia F. Voss	Marlborough, NH

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Stuart R. Adams, Chair
Michael J. Acerno, Jr.
Richard H. Frye
John R. Harris
Daniel G. LaFleur

MODERATOR

Peter Heed

CLERK

Gail H. Ainsworth

TREASURER

Susan Goodnow

AUDITOR

Evelyn Hunter

N.H. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION

Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Thomas J. Kane, Assistant Superintendent for Towns
Richard M. Pike, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Keene
Deane B. Haskell, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Patricia Trow Parent, Manager of Personnel Services
Bruce Thielen, Director of Special Education

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

as of January, 2000

Kindergarten	9
Grade 1	16
Grade 2	15
Grade 3	19
Grade 4	20
Grade 5	16
Grade 6	26
Grade 7	22
Grade 8	18
TOTAL	160

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

This school district receives federal financial assistance. In order to continue receiving such federal financial assistance, this school district will not discriminate in their educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, language, sex, age, or handicapping condition, under the provisions of Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Complaints regarding compliance with Title IX regulations should be submitted in writing to the Title IX liaison for School Administrative Unit 29, the Personnel Manager, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

Complaints regarding compliance with Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Section 504 should be submitted in writing to the Director of Special Education, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

*Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland Town Hall in said District on the 14th day of March, 2000, at 11:00 O'Clock in the forenoon to act upon the following article. Polls will open at 11:00 a.m. and will close no later than the time of closing the polls for the election of town officials.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary district officers:

Two members of the school board for the ensuing three years
A moderator for the ensuing year
A clerk for the ensuing year
A treasurer for the ensuing year, from July 1, 2000
An auditor for the ensuing year

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 18th day of February, 2000.

Stuart R. Adams, Chair
Michael J. Acerno, Jr.
Richard H. Frye
John R. Harris
Daniel G. LaFleur

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland School Gymnasium in said district on the 17th day of March, 2000, at 7:00 O'Clock in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the District will vote to appropriate a supplemental appropriation of \$15,000.00 for additional special education and special education transportation costs for the current school year. This amount will be funded from existing revenues including unanticipated Medicaid reimbursements and insurance refunds and dividends. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,021.00 as a deficit appropriation to cover unanticipated special education, special education transportation and elementary classroom aide costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to authorize and empower the school board to borrow up to \$190,006.00 representing the State of New Hampshire share of special education costs for the 2000-2001 school year pursuant to R.S.A. 198:20-D upon such terms and conditions as the school board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire, pursuant to R.S.A. 186:C-18, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for roof replacement at Westmoreland School, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 7: To see if the District will vote to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to R.S.A. 35 for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 to be paid over to said capital reserve fund, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 17th day of February, 2000.

Stuart R. Adams, Chair
Michael J. Acerno, Jr.
Richard H. Frye
John R. Harris
Daniel G. LaFleur

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2000-2001 BUDGET (SUMMARY)

	BUDGET 1998-99	ACTUAL 1998-99	BUDGET 1999-2000	PROPOSED BY SCHOOL BOARD 2000-2001	PROPOSED BY BUDGET COM. 2000-2001	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$1,077,560	\$981,313	\$985,993	\$1,122,224	\$1,090,739	10.62%	44.12%
ELEMENTARY DEBT SERVICE	\$87,040	\$87,040	\$83,947	\$80,852	\$80,852	-3.69%	3.27%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	\$288,336	\$353,416	\$361,785	\$181,382	\$181,382	-49.86%	7.34%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$1,452,936	\$1,421,769	\$1,431,725	\$1,384,458	\$1,352,973	-5.50%	54.73%
HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS (Regular Education students)	\$438,336	\$443,965	\$570,300	\$466,835	\$466,835	-18.14%	18.88%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.	\$34,497	\$34,497	\$35,187	\$35,891	\$35,891	2.00%	1.45%
HIGH SCHOOL SPEC. INSTRUC.	\$71,685	\$77,536	\$129,611	\$432,599	\$432,599	233.77%	17.50%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COST	\$544,518	\$555,998	\$735,098	\$935,325	\$935,325	27.24%	37.83%
(SAU#29)	\$80,745	\$80,745	\$83,431	\$96,979	\$96,979	16.24%	3.92%
BUDGET ARTICLE SUBTOTAL	\$2,078,199	\$2,058,512	\$2,250,254	\$2,416,762	\$2,385,277	6.00%	96.48%
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$0	\$35,493	\$42,021	\$42,021		1.70%
ROOF APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000		1.82%
TOTAL	\$2,078,199	\$2,058,512	\$2,285,747	\$2,503,783	\$2,472,298	8.16%	100.00%

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2000-2001 BUDGET

ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION
(GRADES K-8 - 153 Students Projected)

REGULAR INSTRUCTION

Salaries	\$465,246	\$426,458	\$428,717	\$458,250	\$447,197	
Benefits	\$124,252	\$115,031	\$114,779	\$138,222	\$129,608	
Repair Equipment	\$900	\$969	\$800	\$1,100	\$900	
Conservation Camp	\$1,265	\$1,265	\$1,100	\$880	\$880	
Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks	\$23,516	\$22,815	\$19,491	\$24,846	\$24,846	
Equipment	\$6,016	\$3,962	\$715	\$17,203	\$8,885	
Furniture	\$685	\$610	\$0	\$1,488	\$1,488	

TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION

\$621,880	\$571,110	\$565,602	\$641,989	\$613,804	8.52%	24.83%
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EXTRACURRICULAR

Salaries & Benefits	\$4,717	\$3,806	\$4,715	\$8,906	\$8,906	
Assemblies/Officials	\$2,200	\$2,475	\$2,440	\$3,000	\$2,800	
Supplies/Awards/Misc.	\$1,970	\$1,497	\$1,986	\$2,360	\$2,360	

TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR

\$8,887	\$7,778	\$9,141	\$14,266	\$14,066	53.88%	0.57%
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SCHOOL SERVICES

Attendance	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Guidance	\$43,798	\$47,225	\$45,165	\$49,783	\$49,683	
Health	\$12,666	\$12,709	\$13,978	\$14,496	\$14,496	
Psychology	\$20,520	\$15,688	\$19,080	\$24,230	\$24,230	
Speech	\$8,047	\$16,496	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600	

TOTAL SCHOOL SERVICES

\$85,032	\$92,117	\$90,823	\$101,109	\$101,009	11.22%	4.09%
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	BUDGET 1998-99	ACTUAL 1998-99	BUDGET 1999-2000	PROPOSED BY SCHOOL BOARD 2000-2001	PROPOSED BY BUDGET COM. 2000-2001	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
STAFF DEVELOPMENT							
Continuum Salaries/Benefits	\$3,342	\$0	\$1,337	\$2,702	\$2,702		
Course Reimbursement	\$4,500	\$3,658	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500		
Staff Development	\$2,750	\$2,911	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400		
Professional Books/Periodicals	\$410	\$189	\$584	\$967	\$967		
TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$11,002	\$6,759	\$8,821	\$10,569	\$10,569	19.82%	0.43%
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA							
Salary & Benefits	\$14,641	\$14,608	\$15,883	\$22,564	\$22,564		
Media Membership	\$990	\$990	\$886	\$880	\$880		
Library Books & Supplies	\$4,968	\$5,029	\$3,564	\$4,687	\$4,687		
Equipment/Software	\$2,000	\$1,022	\$600	\$1,500	\$1,000		
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	\$22,599	\$21,649	\$20,733	\$29,631	\$29,131	40.51%	1.18%
SCHOOL BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICERS							
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,796	\$1,522	\$1,995	\$1,995	\$1,995		
Legal/Audit Services	\$800	\$952	\$900	\$5,900	\$5,900		
School Board Liability Insurance	\$1,656	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Other School District Expenses	\$830	\$1,139	\$1,630	\$830	\$830		
School Board Association	\$2,260	\$2,269	\$2,289	\$2,318	\$2,318		
TOTAL SCH. BD./DIST. OFFICERS	\$7,342	\$5,883	\$6,814	\$11,043	\$11,043	62.06%	0.45%

	BUDGET 1998-99	ACTUAL 1998-99	BUDGET 1999-2000	PROPOSED BY SCHOOL BOARD 2000-2001	PROPOSED BY BUDGET COM. 2000-2001	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION							
Principal's Salary	\$48,505	\$48,505	\$50,009	\$51,609	\$51,609		
Secretary's Salary	\$14,558	\$15,507	\$15,012	\$15,492	\$15,492		
Benefits	\$11,002	\$10,169	\$10,889	\$11,575	\$11,575		
Telephone	\$3,000	\$600	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600		
Copier Maintenance	\$3,101	\$3,051	\$3,411	\$3,782	\$3,782		
Staff Development	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$500	\$500		
Postage	\$1,031	\$1,138	\$1,119	\$1,119	\$1,119		
Supplies/Misc.	\$3,100	\$3,023	\$3,000	\$3,071	\$3,071		
Equipment/Furniture	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,500	\$6,000		
Software	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500		
Professional Dues	\$638	\$594	\$619	\$679	\$679		
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$85,185	\$82,588	\$86,909	\$99,427	\$96,927	11.53%	3.92%
BUILDING SERVICES							
Salaries	\$22,834	\$22,315	\$23,924	\$25,228	\$25,228		
Benefits	\$9,568	\$8,595	\$9,579	\$10,625	\$10,625		
Rubbish Removal	\$1,640	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$3,480	\$3,480		
Repairs to Building	\$2,350	\$2,110	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000		
Maintenance Services	\$5,504	\$3,741	\$5,804	\$8,431	\$8,431		
SMP Insurance	\$4,843	\$6,539	\$6,499	\$6,499	\$6,499		
Supplies/Materials	\$7,047	\$6,666	\$6,675	\$4,565	\$4,565		
Electricity	\$13,043	\$14,339	\$13,043	\$14,339	\$14,339		
Oil	\$6,586	\$5,631	\$6,586	\$6,586	\$6,586		
Equipment & Repair	\$900	\$748	\$673	\$250	\$250		
TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	\$74,315	\$72,683	\$74,783	\$90,003	\$90,003	20.35%	3.64%

	BUDGET 1998-99	ACTUAL 1998-99	BUDGET 1999-2000	PROPOSED BY SCHOOL BOARD 2000-2001	PROPOSED BY BUDGET COM. 2000-2001	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION							
Regular Elementary	\$76,785	\$76,785	\$78,321	\$79,887	\$79,887		
Athletic	\$1,810	\$1,718	\$1,846	\$1,883	\$1,883		
Field Trips	\$2,847	\$2,245	\$2,630	\$2,847	\$2,847		
TOTAL ELEMENTARY TRANSPORT.	\$81,442	\$80,748	\$82,797	\$84,617	\$84,617	2.20%	3.42%
OTHER STAFF SERVICES							
Accrued Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Fingerprinting Reimbursement	\$476	\$0	\$170	\$170	\$170		
Staff Physicals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL STAFF SERVICES	\$476	\$0	\$170	\$170	\$170		
FUND TRANSFERS							
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Transfer to Federal Projects	\$4,400	\$0	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400		
Transfer to Food Services	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000		
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$79,400	\$40,000	\$39,400	\$39,400	\$39,400	0.00%	1.59%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUC.)	\$1,077,560	\$981,313	\$985,993	\$1,122,224	\$1,090,739	10.62%	44.12%
DEBT SERVICE							
Principal	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000		
Bond Interest	\$26,297	\$26,297	\$23,204	\$20,109	\$20,109		
Interest on Cat-Aid Borrowing	\$5,743	\$5,743	\$5,743	\$5,743	\$5,743		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$87,040	\$87,040	\$83,947	\$80,852	\$80,852	-3.69%	3.27%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUCION PLUS DEBT SERVICE)	\$1,164,600	\$1,068,353	\$1,069,940	\$1,203,076	\$1,171,591	9.50%	47.39%

ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION

	BUDGET 1998-99	ACTUAL 1998-99	BUDGET 1999-2000	PROPOSED BY SCHOOL BOARD 2000-2001	PROPOSED BY BUDGET COM. 2000-2001	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
Salaries	\$67,658	\$87,575	\$70,503	\$77,150	\$77,150		
Benefits	\$21,502	\$25,974	\$17,353	\$19,992	\$19,992		
OT/PT/Vision/Hearing	\$4,853	\$9,004	\$7,048	\$6,158	\$6,158		
Supplies/Equipment/Mileage	\$1,672	\$2,059	\$1,335	\$2,050	\$2,050		
Pre-School Tuition (3 students)	\$1,775	\$6,920	\$29,562	\$3,880	\$3,880		
Elementary/MS Collaborative Tuition (2 students)	\$18,820	\$17,939	\$22,285	\$0	\$0		
Elementary Out-of-District Tuition (2 students)	\$162,833	\$180,710	\$194,648	\$52,511	\$52,511		
Tuition-Summer Programs (7 students)	\$2,285	\$5,327	\$3,980	\$9,120	\$9,120		
Special Education Consultation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Elementary Special Transportation (4 students)	\$6,938	\$17,908	\$15,071	\$10,521	\$10,521		
TOTAL ELEM. SPEC. INSTRUCT.	\$288,336	\$353,416	\$361,785	\$181,382	\$181,382	-49.66%	7.34%

TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST

\$1,452,936	\$1,421,769	\$1,431,725	\$1,384,458	\$1,352,973	-5.50%	54.73%
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HIGH SCHOOL

REGULAR INSTRUCTION TUITIONS

\$438,336	\$443,965	\$570,300	\$466,835	\$466,835	
Keene High School 73 students @ \$6,395.					
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS	\$438,336	\$443,965	\$570,300	\$466,835	-18.14 % 18.88%

	BUDGET 1998-99	ACTUAL 1998-99	BUDGET 1999-2000	PROPOSED BY SCHOOL BOARD 2000-2001	PROPOSED BY BUDGET COM. 2000-2001	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
TRANSPORTATION							
Regular - Keene High School	\$34,497	\$34,497	\$35,187	\$35,891	\$35,891		
TOTAL HS TRANSPORT.	\$34,497	\$34,497	\$35,187	\$35,891	\$35,891	2.00%	1.45%
SUBTOTAL (REG. HIGH SCHOOL)	\$472,833	\$478,462	\$605,487	\$502,726	\$502,726	-16.97%	20.33%
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION							
Keene High School Tuition 16 students @ \$11,653.	\$34,245	\$41,094	\$76,040	\$186,448	\$186,448	145.20%	
Special Needs Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,262	\$13,262		
Tuition - High School Collaborative (1 student - TNT program)	\$32,440	\$30,442	\$37,333	\$12,400	\$12,400		
Tutoring - High School	\$0	\$0	\$10,238	\$0	\$0		
High School Out-of-District	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$220,489	\$220,489		
TOTAL H.S. SPECIAL INSTRUC.	\$71,685	\$77,536	\$129,611	\$432,599	\$432,599	233.77%	17.50%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COSTS	\$544,518	\$555,998	\$735,098	\$935,325	\$935,325	27.24%	37.83%
ADMINISTRATION							
SAU #29 - Westmoreland Share	\$80,745	\$80,745	\$83,431	\$96,979	\$96,979	16.24%	3.92%
BUDGET ARTICLE SUBTOTAL (Warrant Article #5)	\$2,078,199	\$2,058,512	\$2,250,254	\$2,416,762	\$2,385,277	6.00%	96.48%
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION (Warrant Article #3)	\$0	\$0	\$35,493	\$42,021	\$42,021	18.39%	1.70%
ROOF APPROPRIATION (Warrant Article #6)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000		1.82%
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,078,199	\$2,058,512	\$2,285,747	\$2,503,783	\$2,472,298	8.16%	100.00%

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 2000/2001 BUDGETED EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND BENEFITS

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Belsky, Nancy	Grade 5	\$43,090	\$14,171	\$57,261
Perreault, Laurie A.	Kindergarten	\$15,660	\$3,884	\$19,544
Carlson, Leslie	Grade 2	\$40,450	\$13,517	\$53,967
Davis, Donald	Science & Mathematics	\$42,490	\$14,100	\$56,590
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**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
2000/2001 PROPOSED BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES**

REVENUE ACCOUNTS	1999/2000 BUDGET	2000/2001 PROPOSED BY BUDGET COM.	% INCREASE	\$ INCREASE
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$29,711	\$0		
Local Property Taxes	\$923,724	\$1,156,446		\$232,722
Interest	\$4,000	\$4,000		
Lunch Local	\$23,000	\$23,000		
Transport. Fees	\$2,800	\$2,800		
Tuition Trust Fund	\$65,000	\$0		
N.H. Property Tax	\$603,043	\$603,043		
N.H. Adequacy Grant	\$428,043	\$428,043		
N.H. Building Aid	\$16,299	\$16,500		
N.H. Handicapped Aid	\$142,930	\$155,092		
Net Change in Reimbursement	\$9,387	\$34,914		
Anticipation Borrowing				
N.H. Child Nutrition	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$10,000	\$20,650		
Chapter 1 & 2	\$15,810	\$15,810		
Lunch - Federal	\$11,000	\$11,000		
TOTALS	\$2,285,747	\$2,472,298	8.16%	\$186,551

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET 15.24%
(Local and State)

TAX RATE INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET \$2.41

TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000 \$241

Recent School Tax Rate History	2000/2001- projected	\$18.06
	1999/2000	\$15.65
	1998/1999	\$17.66
	1997/1998	\$17.06
	1996/1997	\$16.50

Projected tax rate increase over four-year period - \$1.56 (9.5%)

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

for the

Fiscal Year July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999

Westmoreland

School District

Summary

Cash on hand July 1, 1998 (Treasurer's bank balance) 124,836.82

Received from Selectmen (Include amounts actually received) _____

Current Appropriation 1,764,743.00

Deficit Appropriation _____

Balance of Previous Appropriations _____

Advance on Next Year's Appropriations _____

Revenue from State Sources 218,452.08

Revenue from Federal Sources _____

Received from Tuitions _____

Received as Income from Trust Funds 462.20

Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds (Principal only) _____

Received from Capital Reserve Funds _____

Received from all Other Sources 194,057.45

Total Receipts 2,177,714.73

TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance and Receipts) 2,302,551.55

LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID 2,239,146.65

BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1999 (Treasurer's Bank Balance) 63,404.90

September 21, 1999

Susan Jordan
District Treasurer

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, voucher, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Westmoreland of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, and find them correct in all respects.

Auditors _____

GIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS ON OTHER SIDE

DETAIL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

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TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING YEAR 2,177,714.73

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

MARCH 9, 1999

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters having met at the time and place mentioned in the warrant, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Peter Heed, at 11:00 A.M. The school warrant and Article 1 were read by the Moderator and after he declared the polls open, voting commenced. The polls were closed at 7:00 P.M. The ballots were then counted and the results of the elections are as follows

For the District Moderator for the ensuing year:
Peter Heed -193 votes and was declared elected.

For Two Members of the School Board for the ensuing three years:
John Harris -176 votes and was declared elected.
Stuart Adams -195 votes and was declared elected.

For School District Auditor for the ensuing one year:
Evelyn Hunter -195 votes and was declared elected.

For School District Treasurer for the ensuing one year:
Susan Goodnow -195 votes and was declared elected.

For School District Clerk for the ensuing one year:
Gail Ainsworth -10 votes and was declared elected.

207 voters of the registered 920 voted.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

MARCH 12, 1999

The annual Westmoreland School District Meeting was called to order by Moderator Peter Heed on Friday, March 12, 1999, at 7:00 P.M. at Westmoreland School. After the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem, the Moderator reviewed the rules and procedure of acting upon one amendment at a time and acting upon that amendment before moving on to the next amendment.

Mr. Peter Heed introduced the administration from the S.A.U.: Dr. Phillip McCormack, Mr. John Harper, Mr. Tom Kane, and Westmoreland School Principal, Mr. William Harris.

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

A motion was made by Stuart Adams that the district receive the reports of the agents, auditors, committees and officers chosen as printed in the annual report. The motion was seconded by Michael Acerno.

No discussion.

Article 1 passed by a voice vote.

Mr. William Harris asked Mr. Heed, prior to the meeting, to point out that there was a corrected list of Westmoreland 8th grade students and Westmoreland 12th grade students on the table with other pertinent items for people to pick up when entering the meeting. One student was omitted from this year's Town Report.

Mr. Heed asked Dr. Phillip McCormack to speak to the audience, prior to Article 2, regarding the Claremont lawsuit. He reported that at this point there are no answers and that the meeting taking place this evening is legal and the Town should proceed forward, the school needs to be open and supported.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the District will vote to appropriate a supplemental appropriation of \$25,000.00 for additional special education, transportation and high school tuition costs for the current school year. This amount will be funded from existing revenues including unanticipated New Hampshire Foundation Aid, Medicaid reimbursements and insurance refunds and dividends. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Mr. Stuart Adams that the District appropriate a supplemental appropriation of \$25,000.00 for additional special education transportation and high school tuition costs for the current school year. This amount will be funded from existing revenues including unanticipated New Hampshire Foundation Aid, Medicaid reimbursements and insurance refunds and dividends. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Acerno.

No discussion.

Article 2 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,493.00 as a deficit appropriation to cover unanticipated special education, transportation and high school tuition costs for fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Mr. Michael Acerno to amend Article 3 to include an additional \$11,000 needed for a special education placement for this year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stuart Adams.

No discussion.

The amendment passed by a voice vote.

Article 3, as amended, passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to authorize and empower the school board to borrow up to \$155,092.00 representing the State of New Hampshire share of special education costs for the 1999-2000 school year pursuant to R.S.A. 198:20-D upon such terms and conditions as the school board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum, together with the costs of borrowing, to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire, pursuant to R.S.A. 186:C-18, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Mr. Stuart Adams that the District authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to \$155,092 representing the State of New Hampshire share of special education costs for the 1999-2000 school year pursuant to R.S.A. 198:20-D upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire, pursuant to R.S.A. 186:C-18. Motion seconded by Mr. Michael Acerno.

No discussion.

Article 4 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee recommend the sum of \$2,250,254.00)*

Motion by Mr. Michael Acerno that the District raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty-four (\$2,250,254.00) Dollars for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District. Motion seconded by Mr. Stuart Adams.

No discussion.

Article 5 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Heed and seconded by Mr. Michael Acerno to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Motion approved by voice vote.

Gail H. Ainsworth, Clerk
Westmoreland School District

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Continuous improvement and high student performance characterize much of what has occurred at Westmoreland School this past year. The staff has worked hard to address those variables at the school that promote higher levels of student learning. Curriculum and school climate or environment are two of the variables upon which the staff and school board have focused their attention.

At its annual goal setting session, the Westmoreland School Board and staff adopted a goal specifically related to writing skills. The staff has worked to make progress with respect to this goal by increasing its expectation relative to the quantity, as well as quality, of writing by requiring students to write more in all subject areas. The staff also developed a common set of expectations with regard to assessment of writing. Westmoreland was represented on an SAU-wide language arts curriculum writing project. Participation in this project helps bring continuity to the curricula in all the schools within SAU 29. This continuity significantly enhances the transition of students from one level to the next and from one school to another. In Westmoreland's case, this is particularly important as students transition to Keene High School.

Another area of the curriculum that has undergone expansion this year relates to the school climate or environment. The school board and staff also identified this as a goal worthy of pursuit over the next few years. Research shows that students who have been trained in conflict resolution and effective decision-making skills, as well as taught to be respectful of others and to accept responsibility for their behavior, are more likely able to act in socially appropriate ways and less likely to resort to violence than students who have not had this training. For this reason, in addition to the continued emphasis on the social curriculum as espoused in the philosophy of the "Responsive Classroom" which has been in place at Westmoreland School for several years, the staff and students have become involved with an SAU-wide program entitled, "Second Step." This is a federally-funded (Safe and Drug Free Schools) program that attempts to teach children how to interact with others in socially appropriate ways and how to solve problems without resorting to violence. This is a comprehensive program that will reinforce the staff's efforts to deal with student behavioral issues.

The Westmoreland School staff has continued its efforts to effectively integrate the use of technology to enhance student learning. This is particularly true in language arts and science. The goal of the staff is to improve student accessibility to computers at all grade levels and in all subject areas. Although limited, federal funds (Title VI) have been used to upgrade computers, specifically at the middle school level. The 2000-2001 proposed budget reflects a plan to upgrade computers to allow for the teaching of benchmark skills that are currently being taught in other SAU 29 schools, and incorporate the national standards for the educational use of technology.

Much of the work that has occurred at Westmoreland School this year, as well as in past years, has had an impact on student performance. Review of various assessment criteria indicates high student performance at all levels. Student scores on the state testing program (NHEIAP) shows Westmoreland students scoring above the state averages in all areas tested. The third grade results show that 86 percent of Westmoreland students are achieving at basic, proficient or advanced levels of proficiency in both language arts and math (the only two areas tested). Among sixth graders, 60 percent reached basic, proficient or advanced levels in language arts, while 64 percent performed at these levels in math, 56 percent in social studies, and 60 percent in science.

Criteria used to assess the performance of students at Keene High School also indicate high levels of achievement. Review of tenth grade students' scores on the state testing program show Westmoreland students scoring above the state averages of students performing at the basic or above levels in the four areas tested -- English, math, social studies, and science. With the exception of English (in which Westmoreland students' scores equal those for Keene High), scores in the other subject areas also exceed the average scores for all Keene High students. Other indicators of achievement at the high school level include a higher attendance rate and lower drop-out rate than the average for Keene High; successful transition of ninth graders to the high school (grade point average in core subject areas at or above the average for all Keene High ninth graders); grade point averages for all Westmoreland students very close to, or in excess of, the grade point average for all students at Keene High; 65 percent of the Westmoreland graduating Class of 1999 going on to some type of post-secondary educational program; and solid representation of Westmoreland students in a variety of co-curricular activities (athletics, choral, yearbook, math team, drama, etc.).

Staff and student accomplishments reflect a highly productive year. Community expectation related to quality education and a high level of community support and involvement significantly contributes to these accomplishments. Westmoreland School is one that has adopted high standards of performance for its staff and students. Continued community support is critical to the attainment of the level of performance that has been established. Please take an opportunity to become informed of school issues and to voice your opinion relative to these issues; to visit the school; or to attend school board meetings. Also, please plan to attend the annual district meeting on Friday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m.

Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is my honor to be able to address district residents again this year and to be able to state that education continues to be in excellent condition at Westmoreland School. The staff is clearly and positively focused on a number of initiatives that are worthy of note and will be addressed in this report.

We welcome Mr. Jacinto Bowks and Mrs. Catherine Kissell as our new Spanish teacher and school nurse, respectively. Both individuals have had a very positive impact on the school and we're fortunate to be able to find such high quality staff members to fill these important positions. We thank Carol Bell for her caring and competent teaching of our Spanish classes last year, and we wish the best of luck and success in the future to our outgoing school nurse, Mrs. Georgianna Hamilton. Mrs. Hamilton provided Westmoreland children four wonderful years of warmth and service. Two new classroom aides joined the staff this year. Miss Heather Neilson replaced one of our very best aides, Mrs. Flossie Gray, in the kindergarten. Mr. Robert Stack is working with our rather large sixth grade in a new position approved by the school board late last fall. One new special education aide joined the staff. Mrs. Mary Mullen-LaValley has added a steady and well-trained hand to our third and fourth grade classrooms. Mary replaces Miss Kate Wadleigh who left us to work for the Keene Housing Authority. Last but not least, Westmoreland has a new athletic director in Mrs. Cindy Richard. Cindy has brought stability and expertise to our reinvigorated athletic program.

At the opening of school this year our enrollment dropped as predicted by about 20 to 161 students. As planned, we reduced the teaching staff by one full-time teacher and have converted the extra classroom to an art/music room. Our enrollments are projected to decline over the next several years and the school board and staff will be looking closely at our staffing patterns to ensure a responsible, high quality educational experience for Westmoreland's children.

This year we are pursuing a Millennium-oriented theme at the school with classes choosing multi-age activities in celebration of the year 2000. This project will follow the basic format of the *Our Town and Time Machine* projects of 1996 and 1998. We will be exhibiting our work as part of a Project Exhibition Day (with a camp out!) in May or June. Westmoreland will also join other SAU 29 schools in celebration of Millennium Day on April 18, 2000. We will be singing an SAU-wide common repertoire of songs, planting Millennium Trees, signing the Millennium Roster sponsored by the Cheshire County Historical Society, and having the entire school photographed by the Photographer's Guild.

During our third annual retreat last June, the school board and staff collaboratively discussed the needs of the school based upon each individual's perspective, as well as data collected over the course of the year. We discussed our progress over the past year in light of our Continuous Improvement Plan and the work of the four committees established at our 1998 retreat. Guided by broad goals adopted by the school board, we continue to focus our attention on students' intellectual growth, social development and responsibility, school/community relations, and the school environment. To work towards meeting broad goals, the board, with staff input, adopted several intermediate goals of three to five years in duration. These intermediate goals are designed to specifically concentrate our energy on the areas of improving student writing, developing early intervention strategies to prevent later school difficulties, enhancing our prevention programs to pro actively guide students' social development and sense of responsibility, and seeking effective intervention programs to best meet the needs of chronic misbehaving children. Based upon

these intermediate goals, the staff developed comprehensive action plans, approved by the school board, and designed to move the school forward in these identified areas of need.

In pursuing the highest quality academic experience possible for our students, the staff has fully implemented the annual assessment cycle developed as part of the Westmoreland School Assessment Model and continues to examine a number of specific curriculum areas. The areas receiving the closest scrutiny are: writing, math, reading in the middle school, and, most recently, science. The staff continues to develop and/or refine specific annual student performance goals in writing and math and then works very hard to help students to meet these goals. Students continue to take standardized assessments each spring to provide accountability data to the staff and community. The California Achievement Test is administered to students in grades four, five, seven, and eight, and the New Hampshire Statewide Assessments are administered in grades three and six. All of these assessment results are carefully reviewed by the staff and it is again noted that, in general, our students perform better than most around the state and country. Data brought to us by Principal Barbara Tremblay of Keene High School, as well as our own modest survey of Westmoreland high schoolers, generally corroborate our findings. We're very proud to say that all of our students -- kindergarten through grade twelve -- continue to perform very well!

Westmoreland School's staff has dug even deeper into students' work samples this year to enhance consistency between the grades and to look for patterns or trends that would indicate more specific weaknesses in individual skill areas. This work has been enhanced through several lengthy staff meeting discussions on SAU 29 curriculum, teaching and learning. We plan to continue to refine our performance standards through these discussions to gauge our students' progress and to set clear, consistent and high expectations for all of our students. Six more Westmoreland teachers joined the four from last year completing the Research for Better Teaching course sponsored by SAU 29.

Westmoreland School joined an SAU-wide effort this year to implement the Second Step Program to help make our school a more emotionally and physically safe place to learn. Second Step is a highly-effective violence prevention program and was consistent with our social curriculum, our goals of targeting bullying for eradication, and targeting improvements in student behavior on the playground and in the lunchroom. The program is fully funded under a Safe and Drug Free Schools grant, and training and implementation support comes from the Consortium of Alternative Prevention Programs. In addition, Second Step also has parent and support staff training workshops. We continue to try to provide extra support and some training to substitute teachers. The data seems to show improved student behavior this year.

The adoption of a new staff performance evaluation system has set higher standards for teachers and includes a comprehensive mechanism for helping teachers to reach these standards. Our commitment to the professional growth and development of our staff remains as strong as ever, and teachers continue to put forth a tremendous amount of effort in pursuit of excellence.

Several staff members deserve recognition for outstanding professional growth. Laurie Perreault, Nancy Newton, Carol Browning, Nancy Belsky, and Donald Davis participated in the New Hampshire Teachers of Mathematics and Keene State College's five-part forum entitled, Algebra Through the Grades. Only 40 K-12 teachers statewide were accepted into the forum and the fact that Westmoreland had five of them is extraordinary. Nancy Belsky was also accepted into the 1999 Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program (FMF). The FMF is designed to provide American teachers with opportunities for fully-funded, three-week study programs in Japan. Paul Deschenes successfully completed a thirty-hour seminar on East Asia offered by the Five College Center for East Asian Studies. In addition to the content, Paul received \$200 in

teaching materials during the seminar and the school received a \$300 mini-grant for future purchases of Asian study materials. Celia Slason finished her second year of training in the Schools Attuned Program offered by the University of North Carolina. Schools Attuned helps educators identify student learning preferences and offers many intervention strategies to enhance learning effectiveness. Don Davis was invited to present his work with the Westmoreland Weather Team at the American Meteorological Society's 80th Annual Meeting and Symposium on Education in San Diego.

The Westmoreland Weather Team continues to rack up the awards and recognitions. Don Davis, the team, and I visited the Statehouse last winter and received a commendation from Governor Shaheen and the Executive Council. The team was invited back to the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference to present their work for the fourth consecutive year, their award-winning web page is approaching its 36,000th hit, and the team is now videotaping weather forecasts for 3:00 p.m. broadcasts on cable channel eight. Students also maintain the community bulletin board on channel eight for Pine Tree Cable, running public service announcements and weather reports twenty-four hours a day.

The staff at Westmoreland School continues to work toward finding ways to integrate the school and the community. Gail Fleming has begun a program whereby parents or grandparents can purchase a book for the school library in honor of anyone they so determine. A bookplate is placed in the book acknowledging the gift, and the honoree will have the distinction of being the first one to check out the book. Our Opening Tea, Open Houses, and Volunteer Reception bookend the year with enjoyable opportunities for the staff and families to share one another's company. We pause to remember the sacrifices made by townspeople during our Memorial Day Assembly in South Village Cemetery.

The PTA continues to make extraordinary contributions to school life. A number of very successful programs were sponsored by the Westmoreland PTA this year, and the PTA generously supported a number of worthwhile projects around the school. Children, families and staff alike benefited from the Third Annual Promotional Reading Program, book fairs, Original Artworks, the Fun Run, the Halloween Party, the holiday social, the Community Calendar, a craft fair, "What's New in Children's Literature" by KSC Children's Literature guru, Dr. David White, Second Step Parent Workshops, TV Free Week, and more. Along with teacher requests, significant projects receiving financial support from the PTA were the hosting of storyteller Davis Bates, the Parent to Parent Parenting for a Safe and Drug Free Youth series, middle school activity period, Sargent Camp, NHDI, and the setting aside of \$1,000 toward risers and a stage for the gym. The PTA also oversees the Keene Family YMCA's After School Program for those children and families with such a need. My deepest thanks to Linda Rubin, Patrice Aguda-Brown, Becky Whippie, Cindy Richard and all the PTA members for a truly splendid year, and for your generous and energetic support of Westmoreland School.

For the fourth year in a row, our Preschool Outreach Program brought families of Westmoreland's preschoolers into the school to discuss foundational skills for learning and language development, school readiness, and to help parents become familiar with the school and our resources. Book Bags continue to be available for loan in the school library for families of preschoolers.

The arts are alive and well in Westmoreland. The Westmoreland School Band and Chorus Program continues to make beautiful music under the watchful ear of Carlson Barrett. We've enjoyed hearing all of our students sing at the school's holiday and spring concerts. The newly-formed Drama Club produced a truly professional variety show last spring that is still being talked about to this day. There are plans for more of this type of activity in the future, thanks to Don Berardi, Martina Tyrrell, Lauren Zwolinski, Kim Wallach, Lori

Thompson, and Cindy Swanson. Our NHD dancers worked very hard to perform "Coming to America" at the Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond at Keene State College last Memorial Day weekend. This year's team is preparing for "Dancing In Time" under the watchful eye of liaison Dee Fedorowicz, choreographer Barbara Mellish, and pianist Frank Fiske.

Our participation in the Cheshire County YMCA's American Heritage Tour continued and tour participation continues to be very strong. Westmoreland eighth graders travel with Chesterfield and Marlborough eighth graders to Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Washington, and Ellis Island in New York City.

Our athletic teams received a breath of fresh air after study and discussion by the Interscholastic Sports Advisory Committee. This group made several recommendations to the school board last spring designed to improve interscholastic sports at the school. These recommendations called for expanding the position of athletic director, enhancing the skill development of coaches, and implementing measures to address team size and quality problems. Our thanks go to committee members Jeff Rubin, Terry Cox, Dave Shelley, John Harris, Dan LaFleur, Mike Acerno, Flossie Gray, and Joanne Gragen for their work on this project.

At the 20th Annual Athletic Awards Banquet the Sports Boosters presented the following major awards:

Thomas D. White Soccer Scholarship:	Chris Snowdon
Jamie Hurley Basketball Scholarship:	Megan McKane
Ann Spring Bergeron Sportsmanship Awards:	Tyson Fedorowicz and Sarah Moore
Student Council Athletes of the Year:	Amanda Gragen and Jeff Mitchell

Allow me to list a few specific words of thanks for contributions to the school of particular note. Thanks to Darcy Smith for running the ski program. Thanks also to Billie Jean Hobson, Gail Fleming, Joe Gragen, John Snowdon, Rosalie Walker, Tom Warner, Kate Leinster, and Doug Wilkes for various individual gifts to the school. Thanks also to Whitney Brothers, Northeast Cooperatives, and Perkins Lumber for corporate donations to the school over the last year. Thanks to Barb Messer, Marcia Starkey, Flossie Gray and Theresa Acerno for another superb Graduation Banquet. Thanks to Terry, Kathy and Kacy Cox, Lori-Anne and Jeff Ingram, and Larry Woolson for repairing and renovating the playground last fall. Thanks to Alicia Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Reader who, despite all their other responsibilities, still manage to find time to plant flowers and shrubs around the school and keep them looking beautiful during the warmer months.

In closing, let me say that Westmoreland School is a great place for kids to learn and teachers to teach. It is a school and a community of which I am very proud. If you are interested in learning more about the school, you can read our bimonthly publication, *Curriculum Highlights*, by calling the school at 399-4421 and asking to be put on our mailing list. If there is anything more that you feel the school can do for you, please don't ever hesitate to call.

Respectfully submitted,

William Harris

STAFF

William Harris	Principal
Debra Nelson	Secretary
Nancy Belsky	Grade 5
Jay Bowks	Foreign Language
Carol Browning	Grade 3
Leslie Carlson	Grade 2
Donald Davis	Grade 6
Paul Deschenes, Jr.	Grade 7
Karen Durling	Grade 4
Gail Fleming	Media Generalist
Maria Martinez	Title I
Mee Yin Morrison	Art
Nancy Newton	Grade 1/Reading Specialist
Laurie Perreault	Kindergarten
Charles Powell	Physical Education
Celia Slason	Guidance Counselor
Stephanie Sowa	Resource Room
Kim Wallach	Music
Lauren Zvolinski	Grade 8
Susanne Bates	Tutor
Heather Hanley	Inclusionary Aide
Mary Mullen-LaValley	Tutor
Robert Stack	Classroom Aide
Sandra Swinburne	School Psychologist
Janet Finesilver	Occupational Therapist
Catherine Kissell	School Nurse
Tracey Brown	School Lunch
Kenneth Reader	Custodian

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

There were 2,589 recorded visits to the health office during the 1998-1999 school year. Of those, 1,349 were for medication and 1,240 were medically related.

- Review medical/emergency information
- Prepare atypical list (allergies/health concerns, etc.)
- Grade 4 and 7 physicals with Dr. Sutton
- Review and start health records for new students, add to audit
- Be aware of environmental safety and sanitation throughout the school
- Monitor students on medication
- Prepare mandatory immunization audit for state
- Track absenteeism of students and staff. Report communicable diseases to appropriate agencies
- Submit budget requests
- Head check for pediculosis as needed throughout the year
- Attend school nurse workshops
- Hearing and vision testing for grades 1, 3, 5 and 7
- Scoliosis back screenings for grades 5, 6, 7 and 8
- Height and weight measurements
- Notify parents of health concerns or abnormal exam findings and continue nursing observations and interventions of students and staff and referrals as appropriate
- Health education as student availability permits
- Order medical supplies
- Assist Dr. Sutton with spring follow-up of health issues
- Transfer of data to charts and/or records. Transfer of grade 8 health records to Keene High School
- Notice to grade 6 parents regarding measles immunization requirement for incoming seventh graders
- Assist with prekindergarten vision/hearing screening
- Review universal precautions with staff
- Prepare individual classroom and playground first aid kits using universal precaution guidelines
- Upkeep of sports first aid kits
- Assist teachers in classrooms with health-related topics, as asked

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Kissell, R.N.
School Nurse

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL

LUNCH REPORT

During the first half of the school year, the Westmoreland lunch program has been operated by a Keene food service employee in the absence of the regular manager. The staff and students have been helpful with a smooth transition during this time.

The lunch program has introduced some new items to the menu in an effort to peak participation among students and staff and it appears most items have been well received. Additional offerings for the near future will be a new pizza wedge, chicken croquette, and the continuation of items accepted. We have also introduced strawberry milk and, due to Westmoreland's participation in the 1999 Dairy Council promotion, the school received a new milk cooler. The 2000 GOT MILK promotion is due to begin in February and Westmoreland has been selected to participate in that as well.

*Karen Chanaki, Manager
Keene School Lunch Program*

WESTMORELAND GRADUATES

2000

GRADE 8

Jeffrey D. Balduzzi
Calen Chase Barnett
Robert F. Callahan
Eli P. Cox
Benjamin G. Davis
Edward Duke
Jillian Rae Fontaine
Kari B. Freyenhagen
Crystal M. Giglio
Daniel S. Hamilton
Benjamin O. Hanna
Rebecca Hatt
Katherine B. Hubner
Nicholas Moody
Hillary A. Nelson
Michael Aaron Newton
Kathleen A. Ray
Crystal D. Royea
Christopher J. Snowdon
K. Hazen Woolson

GRADE 12

Paul Acerno
Nicholas Berthiaume
Rachel Bone
Joshua Bosworth
Tristan Burt
Jackie Cary
Courtney Clark
Johanna Daley
Carolyn Desmarais
Gina Fedorowicz
Joshua Ferenc
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